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## AFTER A66 HORROR COP CRASH

# Valentina, 7 ..innocent victim of joyrider gang war

By PAUL SIMS

**A GIRL of seven died yesterday after a house was fire-bombed amid an all-out gang war.**

**Tragic Valentina Foster was killed alongside her auntie Natalie McDonald, 34.**

**Two men, 23 and 31, were held on suspicion of murder.**

**The fire in Middlesbrough was two miles from the A66 wrong-way crash that killed seven, including two cops, on Saturday.**

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Tragic . . . Valentina, 7

- SCHOOLGIRL & AUNT DIE IN HOUSE BLAZE
- 2 HELD FOR MURDER AS FEUD SPIRALS

# FAMILIES' ENERGY SHOCK

# BILLS 3YR HIGH & 'WORSE TO COME'

**ENERGY bills will hit a three-year high this autumn with households warned: "There is worse to come."**

The fresh blow threatens to derail Andy Burnham's drive to ease the cost-of-living crisis, just weeks after he entered No10.

Regulator Ofgem yesterday raised its price cap by four per cent from October after the Iran conflict sent wholesale gas prices soaring.

A typical household covered by the cap faces a £60-a-year rise — £5 a month — to £1,723. Analysts predict a further nine per cent jump in January — hiking the typical annual bill another £149 to £1,872.

By MARTINA BET

Cornwall Insight warned there was little prospect of relief this winter even if the conflict eases because European gas stocks remain low.

The Prime Minister admitted rising bills were "difficult" for families.

He said his decision to axe VAT on electricity from October, which Ofgem says will save households £45, would "give people that little bit of help".

Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh said Labour would look at possible steps to "protect families from unaffordable bills". She also appeared to concede that renewable subsidies and investment in Britain's energy infrastructure were contributing to costs.

Asked if bills were being pushed up by the Middle East crisis and political choices over green spending, she replied: "It is both." Later, she told Sky News it was "not true" that Net Zero was adding to bills.

Shadow Energy Secretary Claire Coutinho said: "Labour promised to cut energy bills by £300, but they've gone up by nearly £400 instead."

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## Brown's tax raid blasted

By TOM SCOTSON

GORDON Brown was criticised yesterday after pushing for a tax grab on bookies that could cost thousands of jobs.

The ex-Labour Prime Minister told the BBC a rise in Machine Games Duty on high-stakes slot machines could raise £500million. He said money raised by the tax could be used to assist households with energy bills this winter.

But a Betting and Gaming Council spokesman said: "Hiking Machine Games Duty would be another damaging tax raid on a heavily regulated industry which contributes £4billion a year in tax and supports 109,000 jobs."

Well bread . . . Pat McFadden, Sadiq Khan and Andy Burnham at work

Picture: RICHARD POHLE

## Hope he didn't Burn'em

By TOM SCOTSON

**ANDY Burnham looks ready to earn a crust as he helps stack loaves of bread in a supermarket.**

**The Prime Minister worked alongside London mayor Sadiq Khan and Welfare Secretary Pat McFadden yesterday.**

**They all wore uniforms and ID badges at a busy Sainsbury's store in South West London.**

**It comes after the firm's move to offer 10,000 work experience jobs as part of a drive to cut youth joblessness in the country.**

**Mr Burnham said he wants "more opportunities for our young people".**

Smiling killers . . Bowers and Cole

## HARPER PAIR 'STAY IN JAIL'

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

THE Government is confident that two of PC Andrew Harper's killers will be kept in prison, police bosses have been told.

Police chiefs have been told that Justice Secretary Alex Norris plans changes to the Early Release Scheme legislation so Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole can be kept locked up. Each got 13 years for the manslaughter of PC Harper, 28, *right*, who was dragged behind their car after a theft in 2019.

Plans to let out them out in January under Labour's scheme to free up to 5,000 lags over ten months from October had sparked fury.

A petition to stop the killers being let out had passed a million signatures. Mr Norris is expected to announce tweaks to the law next week, The Daily Telegraph reported.

Under them, it is expected people convicted of "unlawful act" manslaughter, where a person causes death while committing an illegal act, as the pair were, are not eligible for early release.

## Pubs hit in £270m leccy rise

By SOPHIA SLEIGH

PUBS are together paying nearly £270million more a year for electricity than in 2020, industry figures show.

Campaigners warn the average boozer is spending nearly £6,000 more per year on leccy.

Industry groups are calling on PM Andy Burnham to get bills down to Save Our Sups.

Electrify Britain is urging the Government to remove levies and infrastructure costs from electricity bills and put them into general taxation.

Boss Camilla Born said: "Making electricity cheaper would give our pubs more security."

England's pubs will get a 20 per cent business rates cut from April.

The Government said: "We understand pubs are feeling the pressure. That's why we have prioritised support."

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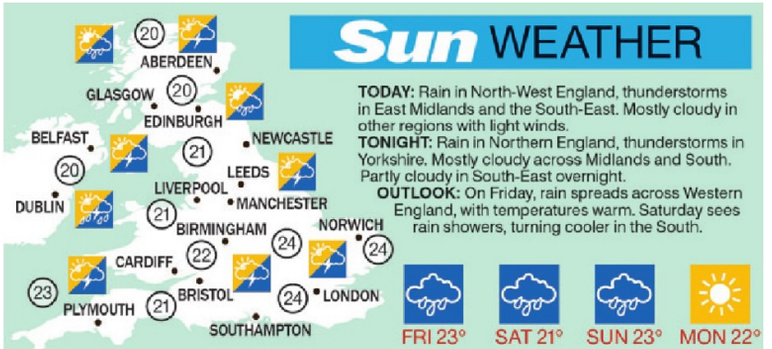
## PM's OK over Don

THE PM insisted he is "looking forward" to meeting US President Donald Trump, despite previously slating him.

He said he would be able to find "common ground" — after insisting politicians should be "ashamed" of giving Mr Trump "the time of day" in 2021 and making similar comments in 2017.

Andy Burnham said: "He's said things as well, and everyone says things as politicians. I am somebody who works with people, tries to find common ground."

## Sun WEATHER




**TODAY:** Rain in North-West England, thunderstorms in East Midlands and the South-East. Mostly cloudy in other regions with light winds.

**TONIGHT:** Rain in Northern England, thunderstorms in Yorkshire. Mostly cloudy across Midlands and South. Partly cloudy in South-East overnight.

**OUTLOOK:** On Friday, rain spreads across Western England, with temperatures warm. Saturday sees rain showers, turning cooler in the South.

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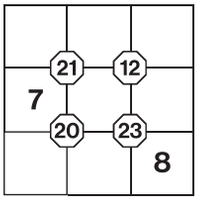


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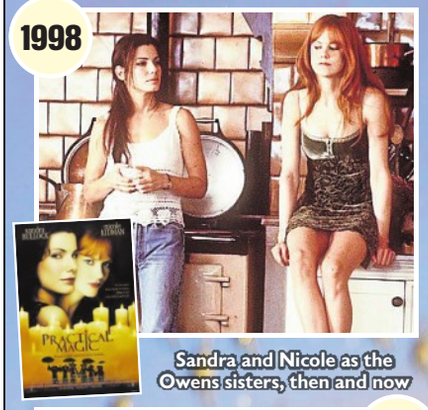
## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

BREAKING Bad's **AARON PAUL, 47**, *left*, Olympian **DENISE LEWIS, 54**, *right*, Vigil's **SURANNE JONES, 48**, DJ **DUKE DUMONT, 44**, and Inside No.9's **REECE SHEARSMITH, 57.**

●**Last night's National Lottery: Round 1: 11, 13, 14, 21, 47, 54. Bonus ball: 52. Round 2: 5, 10, 11, 24, 39, 53. Bonus ball: 9. Health Lottery: 9, 20, 27, 28, 43. Bonus ball: 7.**

# THE MAGIC SISTERS RETURN




Sandra and Nicole as the Owens sisters, then and now

# The witches back

## SANDRA & NIC IN FILM SEQUEL

By ELLIE HENMAN

**HOLLYWOOD stars Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman put fans back under their spell at the premiere of Practical Magic 2.**

They were at the Odeon Luxe in London's Leicester Square last night for the follow-up to the original 1998 film.

Sandra, 62, teased her wilder side in a leopard print dress, while Nicole, 59, opted for a glamorous, silver sequin gown with gold chains across her top.

The pair reprise their roles as the magical Owens sisters, who first appeared on screen in the original movie alongside Stockard Channing and Dianne Wiest – who again play their two eccentric aunts.

Set 25 years on from the events of the first film, Sandra is back as Sally, the older sister of Nicole's Gillian, who is also a witch.

The sisters are seen facing a new crisis after a shocking discovery about their family and the origins of their magic.

American actress Joey King, 27, has joined them as Sally's daughter Kylie, who discovers the secret that threatens to tear the family apart.

Game of Thrones actress Maisie Williams, 29, is Kylie's sister in the movie, which was made at Warner Bros Studios in Leavesden, Hertfordshire. The first film got mixed reviews but now has a cult following.

Sandra and Nicole both produced the sequel that comes out on September 11.

Nicole said working with Sandra again was "joyful".

Sandra added: "We're like sisters. I have so much protection and love for her. We also have incredible chemistry. We produce differently. "She's incredibly hands-on, and I love delegating."

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Pictures: SCOTT A GARFITT/AP

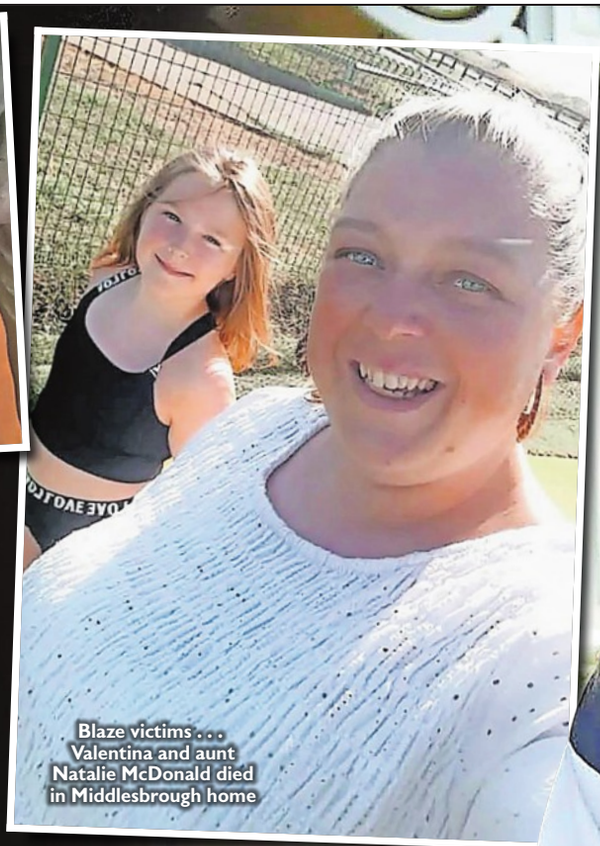
New magic . . . Joey and Maisie join the cast

"We need ***more*** Govt leaflets for migrants on the customs of our nation. Like never queue at the bar. And always mention the weather"

COLIN Robertson PAGE 15

# HOUSE BLAZE MURDERS

Hug for nan . . Valentina with Valerie Foster



Blaze victims . . . Valentina and aunt Natalie McDonald died in Middlesbrough home

Mourned . . . playful Valentina seen in Disney jacket and glittery ears headband

## Family grief for fire-bomb victim age 7

## Valentina & aunt die in gang revenge

By PAUL SIMS and EMILY DAVIES

**A GRIEVING relative of young fire-bombing victim Valentina Foster said last night: "Why you? You're just a baby."**

The seven-year-old had been staying at the home of aunt Natalie McDonald, 34, who also died in yesterday's blaze.

Cops fear the fire in Grangetown, Middlesbrough, was part of a revenge attack following the wrong-way car crash that killed five youths and two cops two miles away on Saturday.

Two men, aged 23 and 31, have been arrested on suspicion of murder over the fire and were in custody last night.

Earlier, police said they "were keeping an open mind and cannot rule out links to organised crime".

Valentina, also known as Tina, was at the house spending the summer holidays with family.

Her distraught gran Valerie Foster, seen hugging the youngster in a family photo, said: "Life is so cruel. My beautiful granddaughter."

Relative Sarah Harland-Foster added: "Why, why, why? All I keep telling myself. My heart's absolutely torn to bits. Back in the arms of your dad my beautiful girl."

Billie-Jo Foster said: "Aw my Valentina. How? Why you? Your (sic) just a baby."

Valentina's uncle Dean Foster wrote: "Such a beautiful baby girl. Life can be so cruel."

Meanwhile, Natalie's mum Lisa Kirton said: "She had a heart of gold who would give anyone anything. We're still in the hospital with the daughter, she chucked herself out of the window. She's 15.

"Her father died two years ago so this child is not in a good way."

A male teenage relative of Valentina had posted tributes to one of the youths killed in Saturday's car crash on the A66.

The lad, who we are not naming, shared a photo with Jakub Matusiak, 23, and wrote: "Till we meet again Tuz." He also posted details of Matusiak's September 4 funeral.

Matusiak was in a VW Passat with cloned plates which drove towards oncoming traffic to escape police. It is believed the joyriders were looking for a rival gang after an earlier ram raid on a home.

Michael Cahill, 23, Theo Rae, 17, Makai Saddington, 18, and Cole Worthy, 17, were the other youths killed in the head-on crash with a police car. Firearms officers PC Matthew Blades, 37, and PC Tom Clough, 38, died instantly.

Yesterday armed cops guarded the fire-hit property as an underworld war burst into the open. Fire crews had raced to the address after the alarm was raised at 5.23am and tackled flames from upstairs windows. A woman, 48, was pulled from the fire and taken to hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne in a critical condition.

Three other people were hurt, including one who jumped from an upstairs window. Their injuries are not said to be life-threatening.

Aerial images showed the house's charred roof beams and blackened windows as police tried to calm street anger.

Witness Ellie, 20, who declined to give her surname, said: "I could hear kids screaming and was shouting for people to help. The house was scorching. I couldn't get near the front it was that hot. Two kids got out from upstairs."

Ellie stayed with the woman who leapt to safety from upstairs. Ellie added: "She was crying, in pain and in a bad way."

Another witness said: "I saw the girl being carried by a firefighter."

The families of those involved were yesterday being supported by family liaison officers.

The Redcar and Cleveland council leader, Labour's Alec Brown, said: "There are no words for the loss of a child. As a parent, my heart goes out to those impacted by this tragedy in Grangetown.

"I have asked for an urgent community safety briefing. There are people badly injured with two lost, including a seven-year-old.

"I sincerely hope those responsible are hunted down and brought to justice as soon as possible."

Deputy mayor Adam Brook added: "I am absolutely devastated to learn that two people have tragically lost their lives. Behind today's headlines are two people who were part of our community, and families who are now facing an unimaginable loss. My thoughts are also with those who remain in hospital, and with their families and loved ones at what will be an incredibly difficult time."

After Saturday's crash, Cleveland Police issued a Section 60 Order giving officers additional stop-and-search powers amid fears gang violence would erupt.

They have since made 17 arrests as part of a "fast-moving and complex" investigation.

The 17 – 14 men and three women, all aged 16 to 61 – were

Crash lad . . . Valentina's relative wrote about Matusiak

# AFTER A66 DEATH CRASH



My heart's absolutely torn to bits.. back in the arms of your dad

– RELATIVE SARAH HARLAND-FOSTER

Targeted . . . charred house and destroyed roof yesterday. Left, police with flowers



Appeal . . Blades, left, & Clough

## Fund for hero PCs tops £1m

By PAUL SIMS

A FUNDRAISER for the two cops killed in the A66 crash topped £1million yesterday.

PC Matthew Blades, 37, and PC Tom Clough, 38, died after a VW Passat driving on the wrong side of the road hit their armed response vehicle.

Nearly 40,000 separate donations have been made so far on the GoFundMe Page, set up by the Cleveland Police Federation.

PC Blades was a father of two and husband to Sarah, who said: "Forever our superhero."

PC Clough was an Iraq war vet who "was always on public duty throughout his short life".

One person who donated money wrote: "As the wife of a Cleveland Police officer, this tragedy has hit incredibly close to home. You know there are risks, but you never truly imagine that one day they may not come home."

Federation chair Lauren Somerville said: "Our colleagues who should have been going home to their loved ones at the end of their shifts are not. And that is just unfathomable."

# WHY? SHE'S JUST A BABY

held for a variety of offences, including the participation in organised crime gangs.

Two have since appeared in court charged with possession of a firearm, drug dealing and possession of stolen property. A third has been recalled to prison.

Supt Emily Harrison said of yesterday's fire: "We are working to establish the circumstances of exactly what has happened, but we are keeping an open mind and cannot rule out any links to wider organised crime at this time."

She added: "We will have a high visibility presence in the Grangetown area as this investigation progresses, and to provide reassurance to local communities who will no doubt be impacted by this tragic incident."

Social media giants have been ordered to delete twisted videos showing high-speed police chases and youths goading cops.

Dame Caroline Dinenage, who chairs the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, said it was shocking that videos glorifying dangerous driving could be accessed so easily.

She has given the likes of Meta, TikTok, Snapchat and YouTube until September 3 to respond.

Tribute . . masked lads on bikes at vigil last night

## MASKS AT A VIGIL

By PAUL SIMS

**BALACLAVA-clad youths, some on motorbikes, set off flares at a vigil for three A66 crash victims last night.**

**Around 100 gathered to pay respects to Makai Saddington, 18, and 17-year-olds Theo Rae and Cole Worthy.**

**Fireworks were also released amid a huge police presence at Middlebeck Social Club in Middlesbrough. A similar event was held on Monday for Jakub Matusiak, 23, featuring orange flares and balloons.**

**Meanwhile the mum of fifth victim Michael Cahill, 23, has urged his friends to give him "the send-off he deserves" and bring "bikes, jeeps, cars and quads" to a field in Peterlee, Co Durham, today.**

# META PAYS £12BN

## Insta & Facebook set limits after harm to kids claim

Boss . . . Mark Zuckerberg

**META has agreed to pay up to £12billion and make major changes to Facebook and Instagram to resolve claims its platforms harm kids.**

Bosses will impose daily usage limits and restrict children's night-time access.

The social media giant will also enhance measures to stop youngsters seeing age-restricted content. The pledges come after the company was accused of designing platforms to addict children, misleading people about safety and improperly collecting kids' personal data.

The settlement resolves legal claims brought by 29 US states and is almost certain to end a federal trial in California.

The judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers suspended proceedings after the deal and indicated she will approve it, saying: "I'm quite happy."

Meta, run by Mark Zuckerberg, denies wrongdoing.

The US company, which also owns WhatsApp, said keeping youngsters safe is a priority, adding of the planned changes: "We want to get this right for parents and teens."

Yesterday's settlement also resolves legal claims over privacy allegations related to the Cambridge Analytica scandal, where the British consulting firm collected personal data of millions of Facebook users.

Meta is paying states £338million to resolve those lawsuits.

The firm and other social media companies still face thousands of legal claims.

This year Meta lost both phases of a lawsuit brought by the state of New Mexico over youth safety, and was ordered to pay about £700million in fines.

By THOMAS GODFREY

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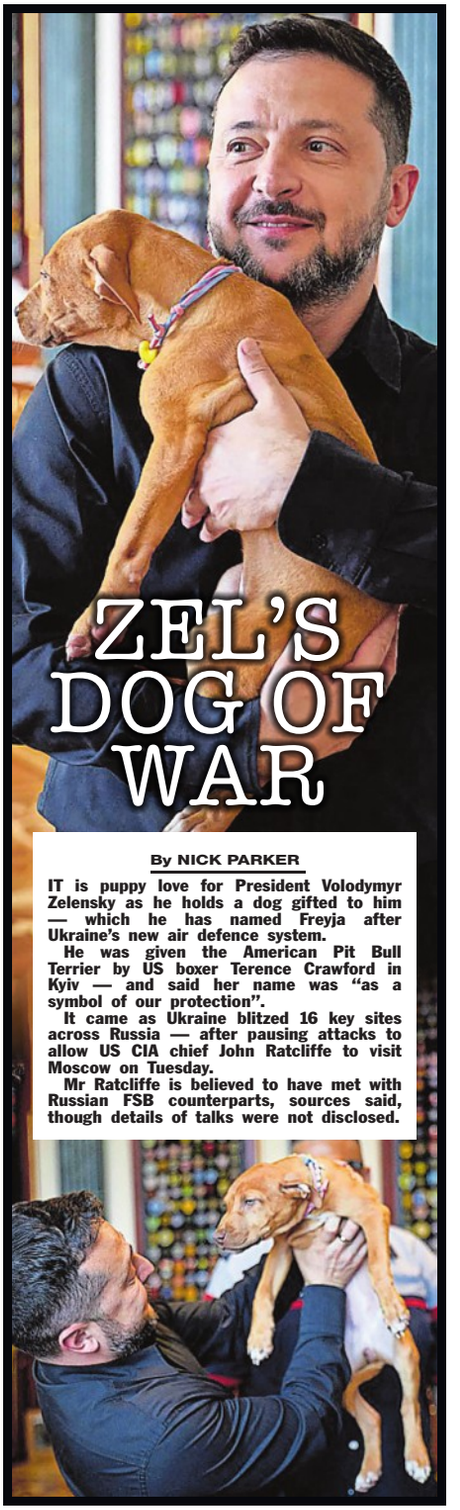
Mini Apples 6 pack, 8.2p each. Mini Pears 550g, £1.26 per kg. Organic Bananas 6 pack, 16.5p each. Easy Peelers 750g, £1.45 per kg. Mixed Peppers 3 pack, 43p each. Sugar Snap Peas 160g, £4.94 per kg. Fruit and Veg offers available from Thursday 27 August 2026 until Wednesday 9 September 2026. New offers start on Thursday 10 September 2026. Products and prices are correct at time of going to print but, due to growing conditions, are subject to change. Please see in store for latest offers. Product packaging and prices may differ in Scotland, Wales and Aldi Local. For more ways to save at Aldi, see **aldi.co.uk/save**

# ZEL'S DOG OF WAR

By NICK PARKER

**IT is puppy love for President Volodymyr Zelensky as he holds a dog gifted to him — which he has named Freyja after Ukraine's new air defence system.**

**He was given the American Pit Bull Terrier by US boxer Terence Crawford in Kyiv — and said her name was "as a symbol of our protection".**

**It came as Ukraine blitzed 16 key sites across Russia — after pausing attacks to allow US CIA chief John Ratcliffe to visit Moscow on Tuesday.**

**Mr Ratcliffe is believed to have met with Russian FSB counterparts, sources said, though details of talks were not disclosed.**

Banned . . . the group

# Palestine Action is terrorism says U.S.

By SCARLET HOWES

THE US has announced sanctions against Palestine Action, designating it a global terror group.

America has accused the British-based organisation of supporting "numerous acts of terrorism since July 2020".

The move, by the Department of the Treasury, means US nationals will be prohibited from doing business with the group or donating money.

Treasury secretary Scott Bessent said: "Far-left extremists and their enablers should be on notice.

"We will bring the full weight of our economic tools to bear. Political terrorism has no place in society, and we will continue to cut the financial lifelines of these groups."

In June, Court of Appeal judges ruled the UK Government ban was "justified and proportionate". More than 700 people have been charged with supporting the proscribed organisation.

Limit . . . 20mph zone

# Brum '1st 20mph English city' plan

By ETHAN SINGH

BIRMINGHAM is set to become England's first 20mph city under plans to cut speed limits on all bar its A-roads.

The city's leading coalition of Lib Dems, Greens and independents claims motors should "no longer dominate street life".

It would mark a stark turning point for a city with a past of vehicle production and pioneering road engineering.

Reform UK's Jex Parkin, the leader of Birmingham's opposition, called the plan an "anti-motorist policy".

He said: "People already have enough congestion, restrictions and disruption to deal with."

Shadow transport secretary Richard Holden said Left-wing councils had turned 20mph into the "national speed of bureaucracy". The plan was put out for public consultation last week.

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# SEA OF FLOWERS FOR PARTON

## TRIBUTES TO A COUNTRY MUSIC LEGEND

Guards band plays hits at Buckingham Palace

White House stars and stripes fly at half-mast

Empire State Building lights up pink for Dolly

Mourning . . . in home city

Statue tributes . . . in Sevierville, the city where Dolly grew up

Country icon . . . singer had brief cancer battle

# 9 TO 5... FANS CAME TO MOURN OUR DOLLY

**From SCARLET HOWES**
US Editor, in Nashville

**SEAS of flowers built up in memory of Dolly Parton yesterday as fans poured out love for the country legend.**

Flowers and butterfly balloons surrounded the bronze statue of the singer holding her guitar in Sevierville, Tennessee, where she grew up.

Her Dollywood theme park opened its doors for people to pay tributes "as Dolly wanted" bosses said, because, in her words, "the show must go on".

Many had queued to get in to the attraction in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, long before the gates opened.

The Jolene and 9 to 5 star died on Tuesday aged 80 after a secret brief cancer battle.

Mourners laid bouquets of roses and handwritten letters and lit candles at the park, with some even breaking into emotional sing-alongs of her hit I Will Always Love You.

Fans also left poignant notes and burst into song outside her home in Brentwood, Tennessee, and at the Country Music Hall of Fame, Nashville.

The singer's family wrote on Dollywood's Instagram page: "Everyone at Dollywood shares the sorrow of countless people around the world touched by Dolly's warmth, wisdom and generous spirit."

Flags were at half-mast in her honour over the White House and all government buildings by order of US President Donald Trump.

New York's Empire State building was lit up in pink, and the Coldstream and Welsh Guards played a tribute outside Buckingham Palace.

Dolly died at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, Nashville, where she had been admitted on Friday.

Her death was announced in a video message by her nephew, Bryan Seaver. In May, Dolly cancelled her Las Vegas residency after telling fans she was feeling "swimmy headed".

Goddaughter Miley Cyrus said yesterday: "I will always love her and want to make her proud. My heart breaks for the world, her family and friends who miss her deeply."

The star made her last public appearance in June to open her truckstop – Dolly's Tennessean Travel Stop.

She will be laid to rest in a small, private service at the Woodlawn Memorial Park, Nashville, beside husband Carl Dean, who died at 82 in 2025.

Irish mum and daughter fans Laura and Aoifana Coleman were at Nashville's Dolly-themed Graduate Hotel when the news broke. Laura said: "I only came to Nashville for Dolly. We're heartbroken."

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What she said to THE Sun

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# 30-MILE LONG TORRENT

Deluge roars past homes in Rasuwa

WALL OF WATER SWEEPS DOWN RIVER

Devastating tide rises within seconds to threaten bridge

RAGING FLOOD POURS INTO TOWN

## 33 BRITS MISSING INCLUDING GIRL, 13

## 160 BODIES FOUND IN GIANT AVALANCHE

By **NICK PARKER,** Foreign Editor

**AT least 33 Britons including a 13-year-old girl are among more than 570 people missing after a massive avalanche caused killer flash floods in Nepal yesterday.**

Some 160 bodies have been recovered after the area was engulfed in a devastating 30-mile wall of floodwater.

A tsunami of mud and debris crashed down the Lhende Khola river into the Bhote Koshe river through a narrow valley.

It swept away homes, bridges and power lines – leaving victims no chance of escaping the raging torrent.

The disaster was triggered by an avalanche when part of a glacier broke off and plunged thousands of metres to the valley floor. The ice and rock fall was so huge it was at first mistaken to be a 4.4 magnitude earthquake.

Footage showed the Gyirong Port land crossing between Nepal and Tibet engulfed by floodwater and a huge mudslide exploding over a 50ft building.

The tide thundered down the valley in northern Nepal from the Rasuwa District to Nuwakot District, through towns and villages, sweeping away or severely damaging several bridges.

Hydropower plants and more than 11 miles of a riverside highway were also washed away along the busy border trade route.

Tour company Alpine Eco Trek confirmed that 12 Britons aged 13 to 65 on one of its expeditions are among the missing.

Company spokesman Ram Kumar Adhikari said two Irish nationals and four South Africans were also on the excursion.

Nepal's army has deployed 14 helicopters and brought in disaster response teams to look for survivors and distribute aid.

Teams from India joined local rescue workers in the area, popular with trekkers and pilgrims.

Officials in Nepal said last night that the number of those missing had reached 579, including the 33 UK citizens. Some 466 tourists from 28 nations are among the total, including at least 133 from India, 54 from the US and 113 from Nepal.

The Britons in the Alpine Eco Trek group were heading to sacred Mount Kailash in Tibet and were last heard of at the Miteri "Friendship Bridge" between Nepal and Tibet, which was washed away.

The confirmed death toll looks certain to rise due to the number of small villages washed away along with power lines and roads.

Officials warned of "major casualties" and "huge-scale loss".

Traumatised flood survivor Kalpana Malla said her family were swept away "in front of my eyes".

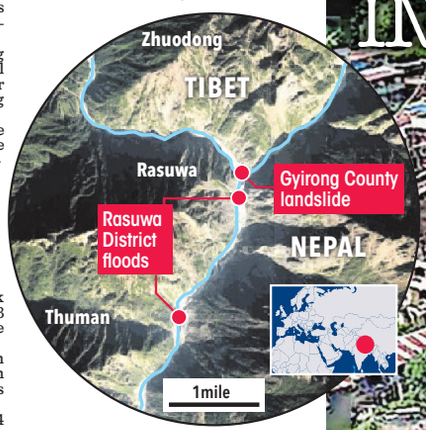
Kalpana wept as she told how her parents, sister and sister's children simply vanished.

She said: "They could not escape the flood; there was no chance at all.

"This flood has taken everything. My son and I climbed the rooftop of a house and survived."

Another survivor, health worker Tula Bahadur, said: "It all came suddenly. We heard a loud sound, like a volcano erupting.

"People started to scream and ran away – there is devastation everywhere we look. The settlements next to the river have been completely swept away. Five of my relatives are missing."




Britain's embassy in Nepal said it was "deeply saddened by the devastating flooding".

PM Andy Burnham said last night: "We will do everything we can to support British nationals and are in touch with the relevant authorities to offer support."

Around 4,000 people live close to the border crossing between Tibet and Nepal, which is just over 100 miles north of Nepalese capital Kathmandu.

Authorities warned residents of several of Nepal's districts to stay away from the banks of rivers over fears of further flooding.

Earth scientist Dan Shugar, at the University of Calgary, said imagery seemed to show a large amount of snow had melted in the 24 hours before the disaster.

He added: "Some of the glaciers in the valley were covered in snow yesterday and today they are mostly bare ice. So in other words, it was probably warm."

He went on: "Satellite imagery showed the lower part of a glacier broke off at about 5,200 metres and crashed on to the valley floor about 1,200 metres below."

China's President Xi Jinping called for "all-out" rescue operations to save people trapped in the rubble. He said: "The most urgent task is doing everything possible to search for and rescue missing people, treat injured people and minimise casualties."

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Carnage ... homes wiped out in Nuwakot's Trishuli Bazar yesterday

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Horror . . water, mud and debris envelops Nepal-Tibet crossing at Gyirong

# MI OF MUD

THE Sun SAYS

# A bill wind

**REMEMBER when Ed Miliband promised to cut your energy bills by £300?**

How's that going for you?

Regulator Ofgem has announced a four per cent increase for October – around £60 for the average household.

It will take bills to their highest level in three years.

But it's only just the start of what will likely be another winter of discontent for low income families and elderly folk trying to heat their homes.

Experts say a nine per cent rise is likely in January, equivalent to £149 on bills. With the war on Iran still deadlocked, wholesale energy prices aren't coming down any time soon.

Successive Governments have allowed the broken energy market to fleece consumers unchecked.

But new Labour Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh yesterday finally admitted an important truth behind spiralling costs: Net Zero levies **ARE** a contributing factor.

Miliband stupidly agreed to pay way over the odds in guaranteed subsidies to wind farm firms whether they produced electricity or not.

But the creaking grid network is still hugely reliant on gas to keep the lights on, which pushes up bills. Britain is stuck in the worst of all worlds.

Renewables don't deliver the cheap energy that was promised, and the shameful running down of the North Sea means we must import gas from abroad.

As a result, being saddled with the world's highest electricity prices has decimated UK industry, wiped out pubs and sent food and drink prices soaring.

But rather than taking decisive action to fix the mess, Prime Ministers have reached for the short term sticking plaster of a taxpayer-funded bailout.

Andy Burnham became the latest when he spent £850million on an average £45 cut in bills.

Within a month of it being announced, it has been swallowed up entirely.

Yesterday, the PM hinted a vastly expensive new bailout is on the way, possibly for poorer families only, in the Autumn Budget.

Where will he find the money from?

**Working families and businesses face another double whammy of higher taxes and soaring bills that leave everyone poorer.**

# Ba ba Brum

**DOES Birmingham have a death wish?**

The bin workers have been on strike for 18 months. Now Britain's second city wants to impose more misery with blanket 20mph speed limits.

Could it be the decision is linked to Birmingham City Council drowning in debt and barely functioning? Given that 20mph zones increase journey times and keep cars on the roads for longer, is there a "green" argument for them?

**Perhaps the city's rabble rainbow coalition of Greens, Lib Dems and independents are hoping for a bigger slice of the stacks of cash coming the Government's way from the inevitable massive increase in speeding fines?**

## AS PRICE CAP GOES UP BY 4%

# NOT ZERO

# Why your energy bill is rising ... and why Burnham can't do much about it

By ROSS CLARK

**ANDY BURNHAM'S premiership will either bring down the cost of living or it will be nothing.**

And the signs are not looking good. Yesterday, Ofgem announced that its energy price cap will rise by four per cent in October, taking average household bills to £1,723, a £60 increase on current prices.

This is devastating for the Prime Minister because it more than wipes out the gains from one of his big announcements in his first week: The temporary removal of VAT from energy bills. That was projected to save us £44.

Average bills are now £150 higher than they were when Labour came to power in July 2024.

That is in spite of efforts by the former Chancellor, Rachel Reeves, to bring down bills by shifting green energy subsidies and other social costs on to general taxation.

That took effect in the spring and was supposed to take £150 off bills. Were it not for that, Labour would have presided over a £300 increase in average bills.

Remarkably, this is the sum that former energy security and Net-Zero Secretary Ed Miliband said that his policies would reduce bills by.

*Here are some explanations ...*

### Why are bills going up?

THIS year's sharp rises in energy bills are largely beyond the Government's control.

They are fallout from President Trump's war on Iran which has blocked the Strait of Hormuz, where the Persian Gulf joins the Indian Ocean. Up until February a fifth of the world's crude oil and liquefied natural gas passed through this narrow channel.

Nevertheless, the Government's problem is not just that energy prices are rising – it is that UK households are paying through the nose for electricity, and have been for years.

According to the International Energy Agency, we have the second highest prices out of 47 countries.

In 2024 we paid an average of 30.45p per kilowatt-hour, compared with the equivalent of 23.75p in France and 12.86p in the US.

Only in Germany (33.46p) do consumers pay more. Interestingly, Germany is one of the few countries to generate more of its electricity from renewables than does Britain.

### Would drilling for oil and gas in the North Sea help?

OPPONENTS of new licences insist that they won't help bring down prices for UK consumers because oil and gas are global commodities and will simply be sold "at the international price".

The Tories have suggested that more North Sea gas could ultimately lower price by generating more tax revenue. This said, the Jackdaw field – on which a decision is due imminently – would provide only six per cent of UK gas at its peak, so it won't bring prices crashing to US levels.

### Where is Ed Miliband's promise that green energy would cut bills by £300 a year?

HE based his claim on a paper by an energy think tank called Ember in 2022. At the time, gas prices were sky high thanks to the Ukraine invasion, while wind power seemed cheap.

But since then, gas prices have fallen while the price of offshore wind has doubled. In 2022, the Government was offering offshore wind farm operators a long-term, index-linked price of £37 per megawatt-hour. In this year's auction it agreed to pay around £91 per megawatt-hour.

The cost of upgrading the National Grid to make it handle large quantities of intermittent renewable energy is also pushing up bills. Even Ember has disowned the £300 claim.

### When will prices go back down?

WHOLESALE gas prices in Europe have already stabilised as the world adjusts to the blockage of the Strait of Hormuz.

Saudi Arabia is developing new infrastructure to divert oil to ports on its Red Sea coast, while Israel is looking to lay a pipeline to bring natural gas direct to Europe, reducing dependence on imports of liquefied natural gas by ship from Qatar.

There is also the prospect of Iran negotiating a lasting ceasefire while it still enjoys the leverage of high oil and gas prices. No one can predict energy markets, but we could be in a very different situation by the spring.

### Is it worth shopping around for a better deal?

Yes, even though Ofgem's price cap has reduced the price difference between suppliers. You should consider how much you are paying for gas and electricity relative to the standing charge (a fixed sum added to your bill regardless of how much energy you use).

Some tariffs have high standing charges and relatively low per-unit energy charges, while some are the other way around. Heavy users will do better by opting for the former, light users the latter.

### What if I can't afford my bills?

YOU should contact your supplier. Energy companies are obliged by Ofgem rules to help customers who are in financial distress, such as by coming up with payment schemes that give you longer to pay.

They will also be able to advise you on how to apply for the Warm Home Discount, a government scheme which offers low-income households up to £150 off their bills.

Don't wait until you are deep in the red – that will add stress, as you have to fend off debt collectors.

POWER PLAY ... Ed Miliband, Andy Burnham and Donald Trump

# KAIA'S STYLE WINNER

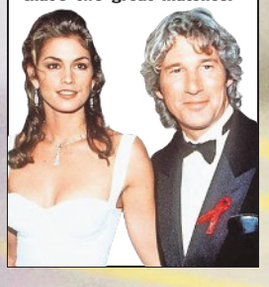
By JACK HARDWICK

**MODEL Kaia Gerber serves up a fashion treat at the US Open in New York.**

**The beauty, 24, looked fab in shades and a black dress at a Roger Federer exhibition tennis match.**

**Kaia, daughter of supermodel Cindy Crawford, watched with Homer Gere, 26, *above*, her co-star in TV thriller The Shards.**

**His actor dad Richard gere dated Kaia's mum in the 1990s, *below*. Now that's two great matches.**



Picture: SPLASH

Acquitted . . . Fhimah

# Lockerbie accused dies at 70

By RICHARD MORIARTY

A MAN acquitted over the Lockerbie bombing has died aged 70.

Libyan Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah was cleared of involvement in 2001.

A total of 270 people died when Pan Am Flight 103 exploded above the Scottish town in 1988.

His co-accused, Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, who died in 2012, was the only one ever convicted.

Fhimah's death was announced "with deep sorrow and profound grief" by Libyan Airlines, who he had previously worked for in Malta.

## CROSS YER PALMER

Ex-Sheffield Wednesday star Carlton Palmer is selling his medals and England caps for £20,000 at auction in Northants.

EXCLUSIVE

# THAT'S TAKING THE FIZZ

## Majestic sends staff to buy Sainsbury's bubbly

**BOSSES at booze specialist Majestic Wine told staff to don disguises to buy bottles of posh champagne at Sainsbury's — to cash in on a Nectar card double deal.**

By THOMAS GODFREY and ODHRAN GALLAGHER

Managers were told to send workers on undercover missions to grab as much Bollinger Special Cuvée as possible.

*Sainsbury's is selling the fancy fizz to Nectar card holders for £45 — 25 per cent off its £60 RRP – but if you buy six, you get another 25 per cent off, making each bottle less than £34.*

Majestic sells the top champers for £65 a pop, so each bottle sold on could make over £30 profit.

Bosses sent an email on Monday saying: "We've seen increasing demand for Bollinger Special Cuvée.

"It's important we maintain strong stock levels, particularly as we head into peak season.

"Please visit Sainsbury's today and buy as many as possible using petty cash. If there are fewer than six bottles available, top up the order using Villa Maria Sauvignon Blanc to secure the 25 per cent discount."

Staff were told to "park in a discreet position" to avoid being "overly visible to Sainsbury's customers and colleagues".

They were also told to "wear plain clothing over your uniform so you are not recognisable as Majestic staff".

A source at Majestic said: "We all thought 'this doesn't sound right'.

"People wondered if it was fraud or a fake email. We then got confirmation it was real and were told to go and buy as quickly as we could before shops ran out of stock."

About 100 bottles were bought before bosses called a halt to it.

By law, licensed shops such as Majestic must buy booze from wholesalers not supermarkets or other retailers.

It is thought the bottles will now be given to staff as gifts.

Majestic said: "None of the bottles will be resold."

Sainsbury's was asked to comment.

Please visit your local Sainsbury's today and buy as many bottles of Bollinger as possible using petty cash
— MAJESTIC EMAIL

Surprise guest . . adder

# A record summer of snake invaders

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

A RECORD number of snakes have slithered into houses this summer – with experts linking it to the hot weather.

They include an escaped boa constrictor, adders and corn snakes.

Meanwhile, grass snakes appear to be growing bigger than ever – with a 5ft-long monster recently spotted on a golf course in Kent.

Chris Newman, of the National Centre for Reptile Welfare, said they had fielded three times more emergency calls than usual, with 87 across England since April.

He said: "We've had such a hot year and people have had their windows open more often so the snakes slip in and out of the house."

Chris warned against trying to capture them. He said: "It's much better to leave a door open and they will escape under their own steam."

Claims . . Mr Guildford

# Top cop probe on Tel Aviv fans ban

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

A FORMER chief constable and three other officers are being probed over a controversial footie supporters ban.

Craig Guildford will be investigated for alleged gross misconduct, the Independent Office for Police Conduct said.

It relates to claims that Mr Guildford, now retired as head of West Midlands Police, failed to ensure due diligence over a report that led to the Maccabi Tel Aviv ban.

The Israeli club's fans were barred from travelling to a game against Aston Villa in Birmingham in November.

Police safety concerns were based on the force's inaccurate report.

Eight errors included a reference to trouble at a non-existent game.

Another cop and staff member face a potential gross misconduct probe. Two police face potential misconduct allegations.

# INSIDIOUS INFLUENCE OF A.I. HAS

By NADIA COHEN

**THE sinister side of AI has infiltrated our screen stars, leading to a creepy craze known as Slop Face.**

In a far cry from Hollywood sirens such as Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Taylor – or even androgynous Tilda Swinton, modern-day idols are starting to look the same.

The term comes from "AI slop", meaning low-quality mass-produced digital content created using artificial intelligence without much purpose or care.

Many A-listers now embody it to look uniformly petite – with big "Disney princess" eyes, button noses, plump lips and long, voluminous hair.

Perfect rows of gleaming white teeth, extra-long fingernails and cartoonish eyelashes are also a must.

Slop is usually hyper-realistic or absurd images, unsolicited comments on social media posts, or fake news clips. It is designed to exploit social media algorithms to generate clicks, views and advertising revenue.

Relentless pressure to conform aesthetically and change your natural look has been blamed on the intense scrutiny of social media.

But now AI has plenty to say on the subject too.

Celebs who dare to read the slew of vicious and highly critical online comments from toxic trolls and bitchy bots may feel the need to alter their image to conform.

Since unflattering images go viral in seconds, plastic surgeons, cosmetic dentists and dermatologists work in tandem to achieve on-trend looks.

But leading plastic surgeon Professor Mr Tunc Tiryaki, of the Cadogan Clinic in London, warns that in the battle against ageing we are in danger of creating an army of clones.

## 'Preserving individuality'

He said: "Slop face is an interesting reflection of where celebrity beauty has arrived. But I don't think we should simply blame the individuals themselves.

"I suspect much of this homogenisation is being driven by the extraordinary pressure young actors, singers and influencers are subjected to on social media.

"They are constantly scrutinised, photographed and criticised, and when a particular face becomes the perceived ideal, there is an enormous incentive to conform to it.

"The irony is that the more everyone tries to achieve the same idea of perfection, the less beautiful and distinctive the result becomes.

"We are beginning to see faces that are technically flawless but strangely interchangeable.

"For me, the real art of plastic surgery is almost the opposite of this.

"A great surgeon should not make you look like someone else, or like an Instagram filter. The goal should be to make you look like the best, most refreshed version of yourself.

"Hollywood was once full of faces you could recognise instantly.

"Preserving individuality, character and expression is just as important as correcting signs of ageing.

"There is also something rather sad about the fact an industry once celebrated for producing extraordinary, individual beauty now seems increasingly populated by variations of the same aesthetic."

The ideal Slop Face is a composite of various stars' facial features.

Wide eyes tend to be framed by thick lashes, like Hailey Bieber.

Kendall Jenner and Bella Hadid have the perfect little button nose, while Sabrina Carpenter has full and luscious lips.

Zendaya's softly defined chin and Lindsay Lohan's plump cheeks are the most popular, along with Anne Hathaway's neatly arched brows.

And where celebrities lead, the rest of us tend to follow.

According to the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, the number of people opting for facelift procedures in the UK surged by 97 per cent in 2022 and rose by a further eight per cent in 2024. The broader UK aesthetics industry that includes Botox is valued at about £3.6billion.

The generic cyborg look of a perfect, poreless face with high cheekbones and catlike eyes was widely condemned when it appeared around five years ago.

Critics blamed the widespread use of Instagram filters and the app FaceTune.

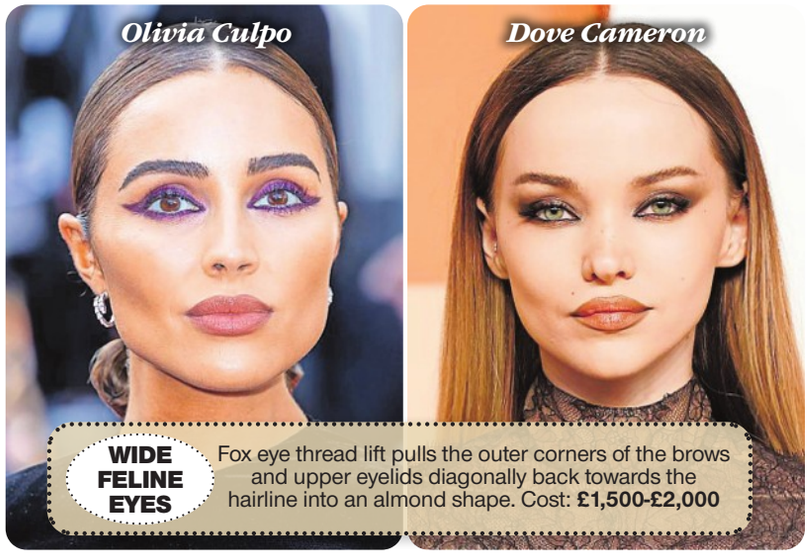
With just a few taps of your phone it was simple to adjust photos to match unrealistic beauty standards, giving yourself a heart-shaped face with larger eyes or fuller lips.

Celebrity make-up artist Colby Smith explained: "It's like an unrealistic sculpture, a face that looks like it's made out of clay. I think 95 per cent of the most-followed people on Instagram use FaceTune, easily. And I would say that a huge amount of these people have also had some sort of cosmetic procedure.

"You can see things getting trendy – everyone's getting brow lifts via Botox now. Kylie Jenner never used to have that sort of space around her eyelids, but now she does.

"The world is so visual right now and people want to upgrade the way they relate to it."

Twenty years ago, cosmetic surgery was considered a fairly dramatic, expensive, painful and invasive option. It was often risky. Now injectables are replacing scalpels and we




● Frozen expressions ● Flawless teeth

# Why celebs

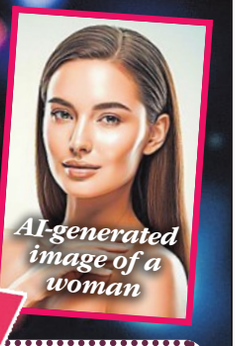
# MADE STARS LOOK *EXACTLY THE SAME*

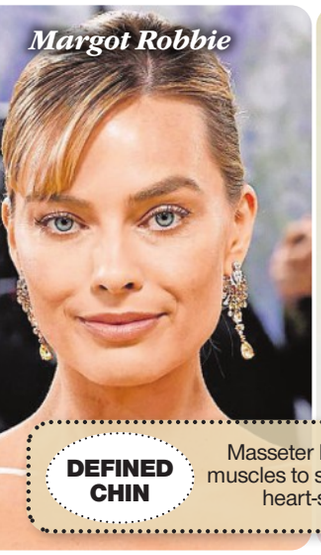
**BUTTON NOSE** Rhinoplasty reshapes a wide bridge, shaves down dorsal humps and sculpts cartilages into a petite, slightly upturned tip. Cost: **£7,500-£12,000**

**FULL LIPS** Russian lip technique uses micro-injections to build height and flatten the lip profile to enhance Cupid's bow and achieve a doll-like shape. Cost: **£450-£900**

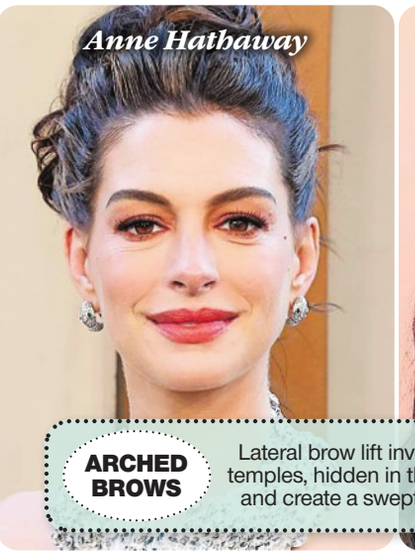
● Tiny noses ● High cheeks ● Sharp jaws ● Huge eyes

# want a Slop Face



**DEFINED CHIN** Masseter Botox injections relax the chewing muscles to slim the jawline and create a delicate heart-shaped chin. Cost: **£600-£900**



**ARCHED BROWS** Lateral brow lift involves small incisions above the temples, hidden in the hairline, to lift the brow tissue and create a swept-up arch. Cost: **£4,500-£7,000**

live in a world of speedy "lunch-break tweakments" with way less recovery time.

Another issue is that film stars are seen in the flesh less and less.

## Expressed regret

Now, the casting process is virtual, with online auditions that boost the value of a perfectly pleasing, symmetrical face at the expense of embracing quirky flaws.

So it is hardly surprising that plastic surgery is more popular than ever in young women.

According to a study last year by the American Academy of Facial Plastic, 74 per cent of surgeons agreed the average age of facelift patients is getting younger, with more now starting in their thirties.

There used to be secrecy shrouding what work celebrities had done but now they tend to be more candid about ditching natural beauty.

While Simon Cowell, Courteney Cox and Kristin Davis have expressed regret over too much facial filler, and had it dissolved, many others are delighted with their enhanced appearance.

Denise Richards has talked about her facelift, Khloe Kardashian posted a list of procedures including a nose job and threads under her chin and neck.

Her sister Kylie Jenner admitted having injectables including lip filler, while their mum Kris even had a facelift on an episode of Keeping Up With The Kardashians.

Katy Perry addressed plastic surgery rumours by sharing that she got filler injections under her eyes "for the hollowing".

Fuming Megan Fox said: "I don't understand the point of shaming people for getting [plastic surgery] done.

"It's like shaming people for colouring their hair, or wearing gel nails. Where does that logic stop? What's natural enough for you?"

And while Jennifer Lawrence has told of a boob job, Lindsay Lohan said: "Everyone does Botox."

Ariana Grande has admitted to getting "fillers in various places and Botox" in the past, while Bella Hadid has spoken about her nose job.

Sofia Vergara said she has "little things here and there", adding: "I do Botox in my eyes and in my neck regularly.

"Little things that I don't need to sit in my house for a month [to recover after].

"Filler does good when you're really young and you want a little bit more cheeks or to plump your lips a little bit."

*Even one of the original supermodels, Cindy Crawford, has revealed: "I owe the quality of my skin to my cosmetic surgeon."*

STRIKING . . . Tilda Swinton

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# Oi, asylo seekers! A real guide to dear old Blighty

**WELL, thank God for that.**

Now the Home Office has published those pamphlets telling immigrants not to rape anyone or thump their children, we can be sure that none of that sort of thing will ever happen again.

After all, if you want something dodgy stopped, simply publish a handy leaflet in plain English (other languages are available) explaining why no one should ever do it – and hey presto, job done.

Well, we shall have to see how that goes, but I notice no small boats have arrived since news of the advice was announced, mercifully.

Perhaps the message has hit home: "Hey, Ibrahim, they say that you cannot beat your wife and children in this so-called paradise of England. Let's try somewhere else!"

Meanwhile, I would like to suggest that the advice does not stop there.

I think we need *more* leaflets dispensing *more* advice. Indeed, there are many customs of this great island that should also be strictly observed. Behaviours that shape our great nation and put the Great into Great Britain.

So, Shabana Mahmood, grab yourself a pad and take note of what other rules we must also disseminate to our new wet-footed "guests" (and any other transgressors).

**1. NEVER QUEUE AT THE BAR.** You've heard about Britain's love of queueing, but there are limits.

The younger drinkers in our midst have started a ridiculous new habit of lining up at the bar to order whatever 0% craft beer happens to be in vogue.

This is *never* acceptable.

Patrons must jostle at the bar for space and, when reaching the front, catch the barman's eye with a look that politely indicates that you know he has seen you. A good barman – or barwoman (we allow them over here!) – will know exactly when it's your turn.

If they get it wrong, you politely refer them to the person who *is* next, smile at them while gently rolling your eyes in the direction of the bar staff.

**2. SPEAK IN GIBBERISH.** People, places, objects – very few things should be referred to by their real name in Blighty (see?). The cockney rhyming slang dictionary is your starting point, vital for working out why everyone "fancies a Ruby" at 11pm every Friday.

No one should ever be addressed by their first name. Always use the surname with the addition of the letter "y".

If that proves too much of a mouthful, simply take the first few letters of the surname and add "o".

Nicknames must also have limited relevance to the individuals given them.

If a person is as much as one centimetre taller than everyone else, they must always be "Big Dave" etc.

Some might even suggest Davey McDaveface (don't ask!).

**3. LEARN OUR E-TEA-QUETTE.** Tea is our national drink but the secret to effective consumption is that you must never drink it when you are thirsty.

A cup of tea (it is always a "cuppa" or a "brew" (see above)) is a reflex, a punctuation device. Back from the shops? Put the kettle on to mark your return. Friend visits with bad news? Sit them down and dig out the Tetley.

Finished writing a column about when to drink tea? You get the picture . . .

**4. CELEBRATE PETTY DESTRUCTION.** Perhaps you will find work in a bar or restaurant, in which case you will inevitably one day slip on some escaped mashed potato and send a tray of food or drinks hurtling skyward.

When it lands, do not be alarmed when the entire room cheers. It is mandatory practice in Britain to celebrate such accidents as loudly as possible. Experienced staff may respond with a theatrical bow.

Once upon a time there was a man called Jeremy Beadle who handed out £250 to anyone who captured moments like this on grainy VHS footage. He died a hero.

**5. CROWBAR THE WEATHER INTO EVERY CONVERSATION.** Britain has a temperate climate – that means it is only ever too hot, too cold, too wet, too mild or too windy.

We are never happy with our weather and waste no opportunity to complain about it.

Familiarise yourself with unique British weather phenomena, such as "persistent drizzle" and "raining cats and dogs".

And remember, it is never actually warm here, it is only "close" or "muggy". Eurgh!

**6. APOLOGISE ALL THE TIME.** Walking on the pavement the other day, all of a sudden some Deliveroo cretin on an electric bike – perhaps you know him? – came charging out of nowhere and nearly knocked me flying into the "pound a pound" fruit stall. Of course, my first instinct was not to castigate this motorised moron but to say "sorry".

You see, that is the British way.

Someone pushes in front of you in the queue for the bus? *You* apologise.

Ask a shop assistant for a product and they have to go and find it? Beg for forgiveness.

Why do we do this?

I haven't a clue.

Sorry.

BEST OF BRITISH . . . my version of the Home Office leaflet

LONG . . . Colin before cut

## MANE FOCUS ON JOB

I MAY not be a top-flight athlete (no really, I'm not) but I do share something in common with former Timotei-locks footballer, Erling Haaland, *below*.

Like him, I also sported hair down to my nipples in my early 20s and had it chopped off in one aggressive barbers visit.

With eyes on a job in the media, where my "rave casualty" look was not looked upon too kindly, my magnificent mane had come to the end of its life.

So there I was, sitting in a chair as some excitable chap pinned it back and with one snip whipped off my thick rope and deposited it in a plastic container.

"Is that heading off to a wig maker?" I enquired, aware that real hair was in great demand by the perruquier industry.

"No sir," he replied curtly. "That's the bin."

## TATES NOT SO GREAT

IN least surprising news of the week, it has emerged the ludicrous Tate brothers – the manosphere's very own Right Said Fred – don't actually own all those supercars they are forever posing in.

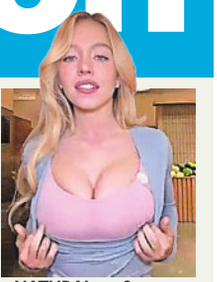
According to lawyers for Andrew and Tristan – currently facing an extradition hearing in the US – all those Aston Martins and Bugattis are rented in order to make it look like they are wealthier than they actually are.

So essentially what their briefs are saying is that these knuckleheads are LYING and that their lives are pretty much a sham.

Oh dear.

But while all the penis extensions may be phoney, there is no doubt whatsoever that they are certainly attached to two bona fide knobs.

IN a bid to pimp my Nissan, I fancy the COL 1N number plate, currently on another Colin's whip after he paid a lumpy £61,000 for it. Wonder if I can rent that?



NATURAL . . . Sweeney

## SYDNEY OUT IN FRONT

CLEAVAGE is back . . . well, to be more precise it is "*big* back".

So says some poncey New York fashion mag, which has spotted that push-up bra sales have been pushed up, thanks to stars like Sydney Sweeney.

Well let's hope the current fashion only extends to women buying extra padding to stay on trend.

Because let's face it, there is no boob job surgeon on the planet that can make someone's flat chest look anywhere near as stupendous as Sydney's natural wonders.

You only need to clap your eyes on Lauren Sanchez Bezos' Everestian bust to realise that.

With access to the second-largest personal fortune on Earth she can somehow only find a doc to equip her with what a (female) pal of mine refers to as "angry tits".

PADDINGTON, everyone's favourite ursine immigrant, has been slapped with a trigger warning due to some of his old antics.

ITV reckon the sight of the fury little fecker doing the can-can back in the 70s is far too much for modern viewers, who must be warned about such "outdated attitudes".

Which came as a surprise to me.

I would have thought a hairy bloke flamboyantly dressed as a woman was about as 2026 as you can get.

FACEBOOK owner Meta has agreed to pay up to $16billion to settle a case in the US that alleged, among other things, that it had harmed kids with its addictive apps.

Poor Mark Zuckerberg eh? Or maybe not.

To put that settlement into perspective, it represents just over ONE per cent of Meta's $1.4trillion value.

A dent that seemed not to trouble investors much, who, Reuters reported, welcomed the news thus: "Shares of Meta rose 2.3% in early trading."

Well that's told 'em.

## Rickety robots can't help playing silly Games

ON your marks, get set . . . explode!

My sides have been completely obliterated this week after watching all the hilarious footage from the World Humanoid Robot Games.

The sight of something resembling a Star Wars battle droid beating Usain Bolt's 100m record then smashing into a padded wall and bursting into flames was the finest ten seconds of comedy I've seen since David Brent walked the Earth. Close second was the "boxing" match.

I've seen better co-ordination from a pair of pissed-up punters having a scrap outside the boozer at kicking-out time.

It's easy to get all spooked about the Rise Of The Robots when we're being fed selective videos of killer K-9s and machine-gunning mechanoids from AI firms. But these preposterous games, broadcast live from Beijing, paint a somewhat more reassuring picture . . . for now.

# HORNER ACCUSER IS AXED

## Ousted from 2nd job

**THE sex text accuser of former F1 boss Christian Horner has been axed from another motor racing job.**

The British woman has lost her new role after less than a year over "trust issues".

Horner, 52, husband of Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, was forced out of his principal's job at Red Bull over embarrassing texts with the glamorous employee, who can't be named. But he yesterday confided to pals that he feels "vindicated".

His accuser was relieved of her new duties in a dramatic airport swoop ordered by her US-based bosses as she prepared to fly to last month's Hungarian Grand Prix. Her dismissal was said to be due to a "lack of discretion".

She left Red Bull last October with a reported £3million payment.

A source told The Sun: "It was effectively hush money to make the story go away. But there is every sign that she won't be getting a penny this time."

Horner . . with Geri

**EXCLUSIVE by NICK PARKER**

Geri, who has three kids with Horner, stood by him when texts were leaked in 2024. He was cleared of impropriety by Red Bull but left last year with a reported £80million payout.

His accuser's latest employer, who cannot be identified, said it would not comment on "personnel matters".

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Stage role . . . Grint

## Rupert in Potter return as Weasley

By ZEENIA NAQVEE

ACTOR Rupert Grint is set to play Ron Weasley again as he joins the cast of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child in the US.

He is due to appear in the Broadway stage show from February 2 for a 17-week run.

Grint was first cast as Ron aged 11 in the 2001 film Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

The award-winning play is set 19 years after the events in the original books and films.

Grint, 38, said: "Ron Weasley has been a part of me since I was 11 years old and I can't wait to meet him again in this stage of life.

"There is something so full-circle and so special about stepping back into Ron's shoes. It is somehow both very familiar and completely new."

He is the second actor from the film franchise to join the play's cast after Tom Felton, who played Draco Malfoy.

Streaming . . . Payne

## Royalties surge for 1D Liam's son Bear

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY

ROYALTIES for One Direction star Liam Payne's solo songs surged after his death as fans downloaded his music – and his son will benefit.

Strip That Down alone had 6.5million streams in four days after the 31-year-old's fatal fall at a hotel in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2024.

Figures show Liam's firm Hampton Records Limited had £166,039 in August 2024 – six weeks before his death – but £446,959 a year later.

A source said: "Liam's music was played so much by fans after his death, and the increased royalties reflect this.

"The money will all be for Bear's benefit so by streaming his music, they were supporting his family when they needed them most."

Hampton is part of the estate placed in trust for nine-year-old Bear, his son with Cheryl Tweedy.

# SIX YEARS AFTER MEGXIT

Home . . Sussexes in April. Private jet in Birmingham yesterday, above

# Harry & Meghan back..but no police guards

Exclusive . . . Sun last week

By ED SOUTHGATE and ALEX WEST

**PRINCE Harry and Meghan moved back to Britain yesterday six years after Megxit — but without close police protection.**

They relied on their personal security detail to take them and their kids from the airport to their new home.

It consisted of just a van and two blacked-out cars after the Sussexes' flight from California landed in Birmingham just before noon.

It comes amid questions over whether taxpayers will fund his protection. After losing a legal fight with the Home Office last year, Harry said a lack of security meant he could not bring his wife and children, Archie and Lilibet, to the UK.

Meanwhile, eco-activists Harry and Meghan also faced hypocrisy accusations after taking a private jet.

They chartered a plane with Planet Nine Private Air, a Californian operator, with the flight said to have cost around £90,000.

We revealed last week they were returning, six years after leaving for the US, with their kids enrolled in school to start next month.

They will be moving into a non-royal residence, believed to be in the Cotswolds, and will not be working members of the Royal Family.

It is thought Archie, seven, and five-year-old Lilibet will go to a prep school as day pupils. The family's two dogs, Mia and Pula, are also believed to be joining them for a new life in the UK.

Locals in one Gloucestershire village are convinced the Sussexes are moving in after seeing security men in the area. One businesswoman said: "The rumour is that they have bought a very secluded house set back from the road.

"They now have security there monitoring which cars go in and out of the village. The locals are very excited."

In the village pub, one said: "It would be amazing if Harry and Meghan moved here.

"Hopefully they will come in the pub like anyone else."

But a former farm worker chipped in: "I wouldn't want them here. I think it's awful what they did to the Royal Family. He's probably run out of money so he's come home to sponge off dad." *edward.southgate@the-sun.co.uk*

# Tat's a tiny pair, Tom

**TOM HARDY gave locals in the French village of Velleron a surprise when he dropped into a tattoo shop for an inking.**

**And the tiny shorts he wore made his visit even more of a shock.**

**The Peaky Blinders actor had thigh-skimming blue trunks on as he lay down for some spontaneous body art featuring the French flag, after travelling there on holiday.**

**The tattooist said it was an "honour" he chose their "humble shop", Le Reperes Des Loups, to get it done, and called Tom "a genuinely great guy".**

**Tom even posed for snaps afterwards with the owner's son, who, "being a huge fan, cried his eyes out but got a great big hug from him." Sweet.**


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## GO EXTRA MYLES FOR TALENT

**MYLES SMITH**, *below*, **BICEP** and **SISTER BLISS** from **FAITHLESS** have joined the judging panel for this year's Youth Music Awards.

The ceremony, taking place at St George's Hall in Liverpool on October 28, will honour more than 40 up-and-coming artists across 11 categories. Previous successes include **SAM FENDER**. He was helped by Generator, a Newcastle-based music development agency funded by Youth Music.

The awards will also create 23 paid opportunities for people to experience at a high-profile music event, with roles on offer for photographers, content creators, PR assistants and event runners.

Carol Reid, Interim Co-CEO at Youth Music, told me: "These are the future changemakers of our industry."

**NICK GRIMSHAW and chef ANGELA HARTNETT are filming a special episode of their Dish From Waitrose live at London's Royal Opera House.**

**Last year's featured JACK WHITEHALL and MARY BERRY, which sold out. It will be recorded on November 1 at 4pm.**

**Tickets go on sale next Wednesday from noon. See rbo.org.uk.**

## RUPAUL'S DRAGGED IN RICK

DRAG Race UK is sashaying back next Thursday.

**RUPAUL** has a barmy list of guest judges to join **GRAHAM NORTON**, **ALAN CARR** and **MICHELLE VISAGE**.

On board for this series are actress **THANDIWE NEWTON** and Eighties legend **RICK ASTLEY**, who told me: "If I were a drag queen, my name would be Miss Rickety Splits."

**CAT BURNS** and Anne Marie have joined the show – which airs on BBC Three and iPlayer – along with Slow Horses actor **KADIFF KIRWAN** and West End star **LAYTON WILLIAMS**. There's also French fashion designer **MICHELE LAMY**, model **ERIN O'CONNOR**, comic **MICHELLE DE SWARTE** and **ABC**'s **MARTIN FRY**.

Martin reckons he could have a shot at being a drag queen, but added: "If you asked me to tap dance I would bomb."

# Leigh-Anne so cool in hotpants

IRVIN RIVERA / A BOOK OF

**LITTLE MIX'S LEIGH-ANNE PINNOCK is living the thigh life as she poses in this unusual get-up.**

**The singer wore a quirky jacket and hotpants combo – that wouldn't look out of place on stage – for her shoot with online art mag A Book Of.**

**She completed her look with a pair of lace-up boots.**

**Leigh-Anne is expecting her third child with footballer husband ANDRE GRAY.**

**With two gorgeous twins already at home, she's going to have her hands full this Christmas.**

**GOT GOSSIP?** CALL OR WHATSAPP THE

ELLIE HENMAN'S

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# BOY'S DONE WELL, CHLOE

I CAN today reveal the identity of the mystery woman getting hitched to **ORDINARY BOYS** frontman **PRESTON**.

The singer had announced he is getting married next year.

Preston will tie the knot with celebrity stylist Chloe Griffin, who works with celebs including **GABBRIETTE BECHTEL**, **AMELIA DIMOLDENBERG** and **ANNE-MARIE**.

Pals told me the couple secretly got engaged months ago, and celebrated with a party at the Flamingo Club in Soho with their nearest and dearest. A source said: "Preston and Chloe make such a gorgeous couple. They're head-over-heels for each other.

"They met through work, when Chloe was drafted in to work on The Ordinary Boys' video Christmas Starts Tonight with **OLLY MURS** last year. Preston has found his soulmate in Chloe and they're so happy together.

"They're gearing up for their wedding now and they couldn't be more excited about getting hitched."

Preston, who was briefly married to reality star **CHANTELLE HOUGHTON** in the Noughties after they met on Celebrity Big Brother, dropped the news about his wedding plans this week as he appeared on **MATT WILLIS**' On The Mend podcast.

He said: "I'm getting married next year. I've decided to play guitar when she walks down the aisle. I'm doing Sleepwalk by **SANTO & JOHNNY**.

"There's a **VENTURES** version of it, who are like a surf band. I'm really into surf music.

"I love that. I practice every day, ready for next year."

**WEDDING PLANS . . . happy couple, and Chloe, *above***

## Justin's cigar butt

**HAILEY BIEBER goes cheek to cheek with husband JUSTIN as they head off on their holidays.**

**He puffed on a cigar as Hailey cuddled up in the snap he shared on Instagram.**

**The pair went away with friends as they marked their son Jack's second birthday.**

# THE FINAL FRONTIER

## Louise completes line-up for new I'm A Celeb...Wild show

**I'M A Celebrity's new show The Wild Frontier starts filming next month against the incredible backdrop of the Canadian wilderness.**

**ANT & DEC** have lined up a killer list of stars to take part in the first series of the new format for ITV.

I can exclusively reveal that singer **LOUISE** has agreed to take part, alongside her brother Joe.

And she's in good company, as influencers **PAUL OLIMA** and **JEREMY LYNCH** – who have more than 60million social media followers between them – have also told ITV they're keen to take part the show.

These four will be joining **RIO** and **KATE FERDINAND**, **CHRISTOPHER DEAN** and **KAREN BARBER**, **VENEZUELA FURY** and **NOAH PRICE** and **WESTLIFE** buddies **BRIAN McFADDEN** and **KEITH DUFFY** when the production starts in the coming weeks.

A source said: "ITV have nailed the line-up for I'm A Celebrity . . . The Wild Frontier.

"They have got such an amazing group of pairs, and they think that the chemistry, and the competition, is going to be off the charts.

"With Rio and Jeremy for example, they are both killer footballers and will be so competitive. Then you have Brian and Keith, who both love to laugh and like to start a bit of banter.

"But the viewers shouldn't underestimate just how much all of these pairs will want to win. The trials are being kept firmly under wraps for now. ITV has been pulling out all the stops behind the scenes to make sure this show is incredible.

"The setting in Canada is spectacular too. It is going to be visually amazing because the landscape is so peaceful and beautiful."

I have no doubt that will all change pretty quickly once 12 celebrities arrive and begin screaming their heads off when critters start crawling up their shorts, but I get the sentiment.

### Annoying wait

We started revealing the line-up for the show earlier this summer, with our I'm A Celeb insiders telling us the pairs will all be jetting off to Canada in the coming weeks.

Annoyingly, we'll have to wait until next year to watch the show.

But from what I'm hearing already, I think it's going to be brilliant.

LOUISE

VENEZUELA FURY and NOAH PRICE

CHRISTOPHER DEAN and KAREN BARBER

RIO and KATE FERDINAND

JEREMY LYNCH and PAUL OLIMA

KEITH DUFFY and BRIAN McFADDEN

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## MAKING THE MOST OF CLOTHING DISCOUNTS

# Mall to play for

**THE shops may be filled with clothes for the new season, but there is a cheaper way to refresh your wardrobe.**

By LANA CLEMENTS

Many retailers put on secret sales and offer new outfits and shoes at discounted prices.

*Here's how to get yourself some cut-price gear . . .*

**LOOK FOR ONLINE OUTLETS:** Brands with surplus stock sometimes sell items through online outlet stores.

For example, Clarks' online outlet – clarksoutlet.co.uk – is currently selling back-to-school shoes from £15, compared with around £49 on the main site.

You can also pick up heavily discounted ex-display shoes from brands such as Timberland, Ugg and Adidas at schuh.co.uk/ex-display/.

Reiss fans should also check out reiss.com/sales, where you can currently bag half-price coats and jackets ready for the new season.

**SHOP TO IT:** Many retailers sell off their excess stock to outlet stores.

These can crop up anywhere – for example, there's a Paul Smith Sale Shop tucked away in Marylebone, London, and a Mulberry Factory Shop in Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

You can also find a number of big-name brands in one place at shopping villages or malls across the country.

Our favourites include Bicester Village in Oxfordshire, Lakeside Village in Doncaster, South Yorks, and Designer Outlet East Midlands, Alfreton.

**SAMPLE SALES:** Brands sometimes sell off clothes that were originally part of the design process in sample sales.

These events often take place a couple of times a year and are always eagerly awaited.

RIXO, for example, periodically holds sample sales in Altrincham, Gtr Manchester.

Often, sample sales are ticketed to help control crowds of eager shoppers, but entry is usually free – or a nominal fee is charged.

Search for your favourite brands online and sign up to their mailing lists to make sure you don't miss out on any future sales.

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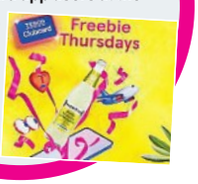


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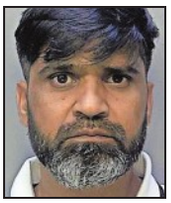


Ambush . . Urfan Sharif

# Sara dad 'slashed with tuna can lid'

By NICK MIAO

TWO prisoners used the lid from a tin of tuna to try to murder the dad who killed his ten-year-old daughter Sara Sharif, a court has heard.

Steven Sansom, 47, and Adam Watson, 39, allegedly ambushed Urfan Sharif, 43, in his jail cell.

Sharif's neck, face, mouth, forearm and fingers were cut before guards could intervene.

Prosecutor Jack Wadsworth said it was a "co-ordinated attack" at Belmarsh prison in South East London in 2025.

He went on: "It is the Crown's case that they tried to kill Mr Sharif."

The pair appeared at Westminster magistrates' court via video link from HMP Wakefield and face a plea hearing at the Old Bailey on September 23.

Sharif is serving life for murdering Sara, who was beaten and tortured for years before her body was found at home in Woking, Surrey, in 2023.

Gutted . . . houses

# No arson in blazes that took 19 homes

By PAUL SIMS

TWO fires that destroyed 19 homes this month were accidental, investigators have concluded.

The blazes began in a field where farm machinery was being used

A major incident was declared as the wildfires spread across 500 acres in Stourbridge, West Mids, on August 13.

The next day ministers sent out an emergency alert to millions.

Chief fire officer Simon Tuhill said: "Both fires were not started deliberately. They were accidental. I know many people are still struggling to comprehend the scale of damage and personal loss.

"I'm also acutely aware that this information will not bring back homes or cherished memories.

"While investigations continue, I hope it will go some way towards helping people understand what happened on that exceptionally hot and challenging day."

# BECK FURY AT BODY-SHAMING

Trim . . . Nicola has been preparing for ballerina film role

# DON'T EVER TALK ABOUT MY WIFE

## Brooklyn lashes troll over Nic jibe




Protective hubby . . . Brooklyn and Nicola. Left, his deleted post

By JACK HARDWICK

**FURIOUS Brooklyn Beckham has blasted a troll who body-shamed Nicola Peltz, telling them: "Don't ever talk about my wife."**

The social media user had urged Brooklyn, 27, to "feed her" in the comments section of his latest Instagram cooking tutorial.

Speculating about Nicola's recent weight loss, the troll wrote: "Do you comment on everyone who is concerned about your wife and how sickly she looks?

"She puts herself out there, feed her."

Brooklyn hit back: "Don't ever talk about my wife.

"She's absolutely beautiful and you should never comment on a woman's body. It's disgraceful."

Brooklyn had been sharing his latest recipe for cottage pie.

The critical comment and Brooklyn's terse reply have since been deleted.

Actress Nicola, 31, has reportedly dropped to under 100lbs (7st 21b) and had intensive training for her role in drama Prima.

She plays prima ballerina Margo, who is caught in a power struggle when the head of her company marries a choreographer.

The upcoming film also stars Faye Dunaway, Mira Sorvino and Jack Huston.

A source has said of Nicola's new slim look: "Nicola was committed to getting things exactly right for this role and it just proves her determination and dedication.

"There was also no way she was ever going to use the fat jab, so she's done the work all herself."

Wannabe chef Brooklyn, eldest child of David and Victoria Beckham, has also defended his cooking skills after they were mocked by followers. After one fan told him his recipe was too watery, he replied: "I'm obviously not a professional chef haha. Just love cooking and eating."

He wed heiress Nicola in a lavish ceremony at her family's Florida estate in April 2022.

Brooklyn has been estranged from his family for over a year.

He missed his dad's 50th birthday celebrations, his knighthood at Windsor Castle, and most recently Becks getting a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Nosh and Becks . . . Brooklyn's cottage pie

# ROCKY HORROR SHOW STAR DIES AT 80 | TIM CURRY 1946-2026

VOICE STAR . . . promoting The Wild Thornberrys in 2002

SHOCKY HORROR . . . Frank-N-Furter in 1975 film


SCARILY GOOD . . . clown Pennywise in 1990's It


TURNING ON THE CHARM . . . in Home Alone 2


VERSATILE . . . in Annie, and The Worst Witch, *left*



## From over-the-top camp in fishnets to Mozart on Broadway...

# Frankly, you Rocked, Tim

By ALUN PALMER and GRANT ROLLINGS

**TIM CURRY shocked, outraged and seduced the world playing the fishnet-wearing transvestite Frank-N-Furter.**

It was his role in the Rocky Horror Show on both the stage and big screen that transformed the lives of the British actor and the camp musical's millions of devoted fans.

Tim, who died late on Tuesday at the age of 80, went on to star in many movies, including Annie, Legend and Home Alone 2 – and as evil clown Pennywise in the TV version of It.

His career was cruelly curtailed in 2012 when he suffered a stroke while having a massage.

But it was singing "I'm a sweet transvestite from Transylvania" as mad scientist Frank that he will be most fondly remembered.

Tim said: "He had a lot of power, Frank.

"He gave a lot of teenagers permission to be different and I'm very happy that he did have that power."

Born on April 19, 1946, in Grappenhall, Cheshire, his father Jim was a Royal Navy Methodist chaplain and the family moved around the world from post to post.

## Instant smash

After his beloved father suffered a stroke, they moved back to Plymouth where he died when Tim was aged just 12.

He said: "I no longer saw the world as a safe place. I was instantly, emotionally, much older."

Tim was sent off to boarding school in Bath and acting there led to a degree in drama at the University of Birmingham.

His mother Pat, who could often fly off the handle, disapproved of the move.

Straight out of university, Tim lied about his acting experience to get a part in the original production of hippy musical Hair, which scandalised the nation with its full-frontal nudity.

Producers quickly saw through Tim's lies but were so impressed with his work, they did not fire him.

Tim said: "It was a very peculiar production. People just didn't turn up if they were a bit stoned or they thought they'd stay home.

"But I was a real trouper. I always showed up."

Hair brought Tim together with Richard O'Brien, who wrote The Rocky Horror Show.

The camp tribute to old B-movies was an instant smash in 1973 and received rave reviews in the US.

Tim revealed: "I went from a bedsit behind Baker Street to Jack Nicholson's pool in the space of three or four weeks."

The iconic 1975 film, titled The Rocky Horror Picture Show, played at late-night cinemas for decades, with members of the audience putting on their favourite characters' outfits.

AFTER STROKE . . . actor in 2016

Curry was lured to America with the offer of a record deal that led to three albums.

He admitted: "It wasn't a very smart career decision, but it was what I wanted to do.

"There is a CD entitled The Best of Tim Curry. They couldn't call it the Greatest Hits because there weren't any."

In New York, he partied with singer Carly Simon and the celebrated pop artist Andy Warhol while taking copious amounts of drugs.

At the legendary Studio 54 nightclub in the late 1970s, the actor enjoyed "bowls of coke" and "snorted most of Peru". In 1980, he won significant acclaim and a Tony Award nomination for his role as Mozart in Amadeus on Broadway.

He also appeared as the Pirate King in the 1982 West End production of The Pirates Of Penzance, for which he won the Royal Variety Club Award as Stage Actor of the Year.

His performance as Frank saw him embraced by Hollywood, especially as Rooster Hannigan in Annie, the smarmy hotel concierge in Home Alone 2, fantasy epic Legend with Tom Cruise and fast-talking butler Wadsworth in the 1985 mystery-comedy Clue.

But he set a high bar as Pennywise, the evil clown in the TV adaptation of Stephen King's It.

Tim said: "I like risky parts – abrasive characters the audience will not necessarily like. I like dangerous directors who like dangerous actors and dangerous productions."

Even though he lived in the shadow of the Hollywood sign, Tim avoided showbiz parties and preferred to entertain at home.

In 2012, he suffered a stroke which left him partially paralysed and using a wheelchair.

## Pride and joy

He said of the stroke: "It's a curious experience. I didn't know it was happening at the time.

"They told me at the hospital and operated on my brain and removed, I think, two blood clots, which is a sort of grim picture. It felt like somebody had paddled around in my brain."

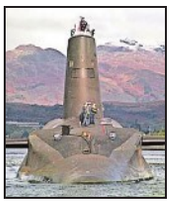
It was probably the quick-thinking massage therapist, who called for medical assistance after realising something was wrong, that saved his life.

The stroke also affected the actor's speech but he continued doing voice work and attending conventions from his Spanish colonial-style villa in the Hollywood Hills, where he lived alone with his carers.

For many years, his garden was his pride and joy and he even designed the grounds of Queen singer and friend Freddie Mercury's home in England.

In his autobiography Vagabond last year, Tim refused to wallow in any self-pity.

And in one of his final interviews, he said: "I don't fear death. I try to avoid it, but I suspect that in the end, I will welcome it. I think it may be very comforting to go 'bye-bye', and I want to earn it."


On call . . . Trident sub

# German talks to invest in Trident

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

GERMANY is in talks to invest in Britain's sub-based Trident programme as part of efforts to boost Europe's nuclear umbrella, it was reported last night.

Sources claimed Berlin wants to integrate into the British and French systems, but not pursue getting its own bomb due to it wartime guilt.

A source said: "We have a very strong interest that the existing nuclear powers in Europe extend their capabilities."

European nations are trying to bolster defences against the threat from Russia. Talks over nuclear spending have increased amid fears the US will withdraw its military from Europe.

A diplomatic source in Germany said: "Policymakers are asking themselves what the hell the Americans are going to do." One of four Trident subs is on active patrol at all times from the Clyde base in Scotland.

Murderer . . . Sweeney

# Death in prison of 'butcher' Sweeney

By ZARA QURESHI

MURDERER John Sweeney, convicted of butchering two of his girlfriends before dumping them in canals, has died in jail.

The carpenter, who called himself the Scalp Hunter, died aged 69, reportedly of cancer.

He was given a whole-life sentence in 2011 for killing Paula Fields and Melissa Halstead. Police suspect he also murdered other ex-girlfriends.

He is understood to have died at Whitemoor jail in Cambridgeshire.

The Prison Service said: "Our thoughts remain with the victims and their loved ones."

Melissa, 33, was killed in 1990, dismembered and thrown in a canal in the Netherlands.

The body parts of Paula, 31, were found in a canal in Camden, north London, in 2001.

Sweeney also attacked ex-girlfriend Delia Balmer with an axe but a neighbour saved her.

# GOLD PLATED

## Drivers fork out £200k to get name on reg

**DRIVERS are forking out up to £200,000 for number plates which spell out their name.**

The record is £201,000 for the registration plate 51 NGH.

Other huge sums paid out for similar Sikh-related plates include £86,000 for S1 NGH and £80,000 for MR51 NGH.

The most expensive British first name plate was ELL 10T, which went for £80,810 – narrowly edging out J42 MES which sold for £80,020. While N1 GEL fetched an impressive £60,000, S7 EVE managed to make only £35,00.

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

Meanwhile, a royal fan paid £92,000 for the number plate 1 HRH.

And a fan of music royalty fell in love with ELV 1S, spending £60,000.

All of the plates were sold via the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. The DVLA began selling number plates in 1989. They are available on the agency's website from £250 each, with the most sought-after sold in online auctions held nine times a year.

The scheme has now raised more than £3billion for the Treasury.

A DVLA spokesman said: "Many people enjoy displaying a personalised registration and their continued popularity has proved to be a successful source of revenue for the Government."

**BIG NUMBERS**

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| 51 NGH | £201,000 |
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| ELV 1S | £60,000 |

## Blade by cops HQ

A TEEN with an 8in knife was arrested yards from a police station.

The 19-year-old was seen with the blade in a supermarket and tucking it into his trousers by a passer-by who rang cops.

Officers left their HQ in Kentish Town, North London, and found the knife in his rucksack.

He was arrested and remains in custody.

A witness said: "Four police stopped him. How foolish can someone be."

## BOT-TOM OF CLASS

Four in five teachers use AI to reduce workloads but fewer than half expect to use it more next year, a study found.

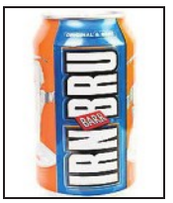
## WHITING HOUSE

EXCLUSIVE by ELEANOR GUNN

**AQUARIUM visitors reckon this blue fish looks some-fin like Donald Trump.**

**The humphead wrasse certainly shares the same profile as the US President.**

**Mum-of-two Louise McEvoy, 46, spotted the likeness at the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth and said: "Everybody was talking about it." Humphead wrasse live on coral reefs in the Red Sea or Pacific.**




Canny . . . drink

## Irn-Bru is Batman's fizzy foe

By PAUL SIMS

CHEEKY fans are trying to sneak cans of Irn-Bru into scenes of the Batman movie currently being shot in Glasgow.

Crews are said to have been sweeping the set nightly after tins of the Scottish fizzy drink were found hidden in props.

A user on X wrote: "Went to The Batman 2 set in Glasgow and one of the security people said that they have to search the set for Irn-Bru cans every night."

They added: "The locals are trying to sneak one into the film and they keep popping up in the bins and hot dog stands."

The Batman Part II is the latest superhero blockbuster to be filmed in Glasgow. The Batman, in 2022, and Spider-Man: Brand New Day were also shot there.

In 2019, a Starbucks cup was slipped into an episode of HBO's fantasy drama Game of Thrones.

## Injury by mattress

A BEDDING shop worker sued her employer after she claimed she suffered a brain injury when a mattress fell on her.

Lee Hardy said she was knocked into a brick wall in the accident at Tempur's Swindon store in 2023.

Ten months later she resigned, citing breach of contract, constructive dismissal and disability discrimination.

But an employment tribunal in Reading dismissed her entire claim because she quit to take a job at a charity shop.

## AMY JAILHOUSE

A Valentine's Day card sent by Amy Winehouse to her jailed husband was auctioned for £3,800 yesterday in Woking, Surrey.

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# NO MONKEY BUSINESS TODAY

What a cheek . . . advance snubbed

Lip service . . monkey goes in for kiss

Take it on the chin . . a total rejection

Love hurts . . . suitor is bitten on the arm

Pictures: COVER IMAGES

Still falling for you . . . monkey takes a dive

A CHEEKY monkey's amorous advances are firmly rebuffed by his primate partner.

The frisky fella leaned in for a kiss but was left hanging when she turned the other cheek.

But he refused to take the hint and tried his luck again, prompting his unimpressed companion to lash out and bite him on the arm before shoving him off their seat.

Moments earlier, the pair had been happily perched side-by-side before the saucy advance soured the mood. The exchange was caught on camera in Chandigarh, India.

By ZEENIA NAQVEE

Parkrun . . . Guy

## Ritchie's airfield to run & run

By ALEX WEST

FILM director Guy Ritchie has opened his airfield to Parkrunners.

The weekly 5k at Compton Abbas Airfield is three laps around the edge of the grass airstrip.

The Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels director bought the Dorset site in 2022 and turned it into an attraction with Spitfire flights and restaurant.

Parkrun organisers were told not to publicise last Saturday's official launch to avoid large crowds, but more than 300 people still attended the event.

## AGE JUST A NUMBER

Brian Jones, 86, passed GCSE maths 70 years after failing the subject and is now doing English in Cwmbran, Torfaen.

# SET FREE BY FRENCH COURT

# THE PEOPLE SMUGGLER

Luxury hols . . . Walsh got suspended sentence

## Brit boasts after jail dodge

EXCLUSIVE by JULIA ATHERLEY and PAUL SIMS

**A BRITISH people smuggler who dodged jail in France is boasting online about his flash lifestyle.**

Pics posted by Andrew Walsh, who got a suspended sentence, show him enjoying expensive holidays, wearing designer gear and in the gym and a hot tub.

Walsh, 38, and John Frizell, 46, were found guilty in May of putting 11 Syrian and Pakistani migrants at serious risk. They were seized, along with a British woman, by French police in the fishing port of Saint-Valery-en-Caux.

Five migrants, including a girl of three, were on board a 26ft pleasure craft with Frizell.

Walsh, of Hebburn, Tyne and Wear, was on the dockside.

Six other people identified close to the port were believed to be heading to the boat having paid €1,000 (£867) each for the crossing, Rouen criminal court in Normandy heard. The pair treated their passengers "like objects, like merchandise with a price tag", the court was told.

Prosecutor Sébastien Gallois said: "Law enforcement arrested three British smugglers, two men and a woman, who came in a pleasure boat to pick up eleven migrants of Syrian or Pakistani nationality."

The group set sail for France on April 8 – the same day that four UK-bound migrants drowned as they tried to board an overcrowded dinghy off the coast of Boulogne.

Frizell, of Glasgow, was sentenced to two-and-a-half years in prison.

Walsh got a 15-month suspended sentence. The woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, remains under French judicial supervision.

Walsh is now back home in Hebburn, The Sun understands. Last December, the former soldier posted a series of Instagram snaps accompanied by motivational lyrics about a "man who has been shattered by life and chose to rebuild himself".

Gardens tryst . . . pair

# Bonkers! Romp in park pair are fined

By RICHARD MORIARTY

A RANDY couple were both caught naked from the waist down while having "reckless" sex on a park bench.

Katy McKay, 42, and Kelvin Murray, 43, were arrested after a passer-by spotted them romping at 11pm and called cops.

PC Rimmer and PC Ballantyne found them half naked. McKay pulled up her trousers as the officers approached at Queens Gardens in Warrington, Cheshire, in July.

The pair, both local, told police it was so dark they did not realise they would be visible.

McKay and Murray admitted outraging public decency and were each fined £320 with £213 costs and surcharges at the town's magistrates' court.

Magistrate Dr Gwyneth Edwards said: "You have pleaded guilty to this offence – but you could hardly not." It is thought they have since split up.

Memories . . . Laura

# Ashes of fiancé in mix-up on train

By ALEX WEST

A WOMAN travelling to scatter her fiancé's ashes had her suitcase containing them taken from a train by mistake.

Laura Bayliss, 42, was in a busy carriage from Oxfordshire to Holywell Bay, Cornwall, so put the case in a luggage rack.

When people got off at Par she saw it was gone.

Laura put out a social media plea and another passenger got in touch to say they had picked up the bag, which also contained the ashes of her two dogs Jed and Ralfy.

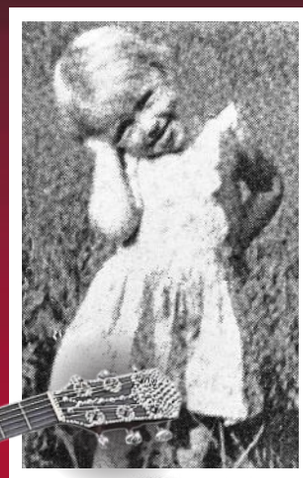
Accountant Laura, whose fiancé Gavin died aged 53, said: "Gavin wanted to be scattered at Holywell Bay, where we used to go on holiday.

"We did a lot of walks down to that beach, it was a place filled with happy memories. It was such relief they found me and got the case to me."

She got the case on August 14 and scattered the ashes last weekend.

# EXCLUSIVE: CONVERSATIONS WI

WORTHY PRAISE . . . spangly outfit and guitar for Glastonbury 2014 and, *right*, aged three in 1949



HAIR TO THE THRON . . . count queen Do in Seventi

# I wanted to be loved. But I knew I'd always be me...still a stupid hillbilly sometimes

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS . . . Simon and Dolly backstage in US

By SIMON COSYNS

**IT was easy to be dazzled by Dolly Parton.**

I don't just mean by her blonde bombshell image with her rhinestone-studded outfits but by her smile, her singing, her straight-talking, her quick wit, her compassion and her kindness.

I vividly remember meeting Dolly in stifling St. Louis, Missouri, in a cheerless, windowless backstage room at the cavernous arena where she was due to play that night.

We exchanged hugs before being ushered towards two tired-looking beige leather armchairs.

Yet this diminutive figure with an enormous personality – cool as you like and clad in embroidered double denim – instantly lit up the gloomy surroundings as only she could.

Displaying her irresistible spirit, down-to-earth Dolly told me in her Southern drawl: "I love what I do, I love who I am and I love the things that I'm able to accomplish.

"I've got so much left to do that I keep fearing I might run out of time before I get it all done.

"I just hope my health holds up so I can carry on. Unless I get sick, I never want to retire."

Then she added with typical self-deprecating humour: "But at least I look like a cartoon so I'll look the same if I am 80 or 90."

Dolly Rebecca Parton was a naturally gifted singer and songwriter who took her craft way beyond the bounds of country music.

She could play virtually any instrument by ear – guitar, banjo, fiddle, autoharp, dulcimer, saxophone, piano, recorder, you name it.

She was wildly ambitious, creating a multi-million dollar business empire that included her own theme park, Dollywood, not far from the humble Tennessee mountain cabin where she was raised.

"I saw early on that I could make a business out of all this," she said.

## 'Dolly for President!'

"I wanted money, I wanted to travel, I wanted to be staying in fine hotels, I wanted clothes . . . I wanted to be loved."

Not forgetting her poverty-stricken childhood in the Smoky Mountains, she added: "But I didn't try to get away from what I was because I knew it would always be me.

"I've never been ashamed of my people. I love them. I'm still a stupid hillbilly sometimes."

Dolly was a born comedian, who loved to laugh about her peroxide-blonde wigs and cosmetically enhanced boobs. She'd tell anybody and everybody: "It takes a lot of money to look this cheap."

That night in St. Louis in 2016, Dolly gave a boisterous, singalong crowd her views on the American presidential election being contested that year by Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.

"Can you believe all the craziness going on with the election?" she cried, carefully avoiding pinning her colours to the Republican or Democrat masts.

"Right now, I'm just about sick of it. I've been thinking about running myself – Dolly for President!"

Referencing the contestants' big hair, she added: "I've got the hair for it, it's huge. And we could use more boobs in the race."

*Quite simply, Dolly was the ultimate showgirl.*

Remember the way she held more than 100,000 people in the palms of her delicate little Tennessee hands at Glastonbury in 2014?

Wearing a white trouser-suit adorned with hundreds of rhinestones, she performed her timeless signature songs – Jolene, Coat Of Many Colors, I Will Always Love You, 9 To 5 and Islands In The Stream.

"I felt better looking like this than when I tried to dress down," she said in one of our chats. "The outside matched the outgoingness I felt on the inside."

Dolly considered how life might have been without the flamboyant image she embraced early on.

"I probably would have had no one paying that much attention to me as a songwriter," she said. "And I would never have got my foot in the door if I hadn't been a freak to start with.

"When I saw the attention, the more I enjoyed it and the more people noticed me."

Yet behind the image, the wisecracks and the showmanship, there was a beating heart of a person who had known hardship and heartache.

Amidst the usual promotional whirl, this time at London's Dorchester Hotel, Dolly gave me glimpses into her private world.

Clearly emotional, the fourth of 12 children described how singing Coat Of Many Colors became difficult after her hard-working mother Avie Lee became ill and subsequently died.

Avie Lee had stitched together a patchwork coat for her young daughter, inspiring the song which became closest to Dolly's heart of all her compositions.

*It was the ultimate symbol of her rags-to-riches story.*

"When my mother was sick, the Coat would bring it all back," she admitted in a moment of reflection.

"I would realise she wasn't gonna be around for ever and I would think how lucky I was to have good parents. Then after she died, it would nearly kill me to sing that song.

"I would always get through it but sometimes I would just sit there with tears coming down."

Remembering her dear mother, she said: "Oh, I'm so much like my mom, it's crazy. If Mom hadn't had a houseful of kids and had gone out into the world, she could have been like me.

"I look like my dad and his people – he was fair and Mom was dark – but my spirituality, my personality and the music all came from Mom's side."

Only once in her extraordinary life did Dolly consider having children of her own.

You have to go back to 1964, when the 18-year-old wannabe country star first met ruggedly handsome Carl Dean in the unlikely setting of Nashville's Wishy-Washy Laundromat.

Two years later, they married and their thoughts inevitably turned to starting a family. They wondered

# TH DOLLY PARTON...BY Sun WRITER

ON HER FATHER

With parents Avie and Lee

'He was so smart, so wonderful and such a good daddy – it was crippling to him that he couldn't read'

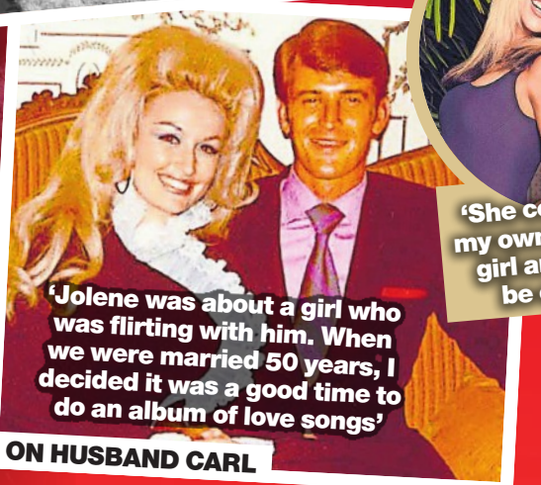
ON PORTER WAGONER

Porter and Dolly in 1967, the year he gave her a big break with a spot on his show

'We bashed heads because we were both so stubborn. I loved him and he loved me but I had to go my own way'

ON GODDAUGHTER MILEY

'She could be one of my own. She's a good girl and I'll always be on her side'



'Jolene was about a girl who was flirting with him. When we were married 50 years, I decided it was a good time to do an album of love songs'

ON HUSBAND CARL

ther their kids would be tall like or petite like her, and even ded Carla would be a nice name a girl.

ut the principled, God-fearing g woman felt she had to choose ween being a mum and pursuing dream of being a country singer. picked the bright lights of fame. was very playful at that time," told me. "I had a great sense of nour and all my friends loved ging around me.

## 'Second childhood'

d play guitar, I'd sing and I could e up funny stuff right on the . I was good around a campfire." espite remaining childless, Dolly Carl, who kept out of the spot- , remained married until his h last year after years suffering Alzheimer's.

rough the decades, Dolly never her love of children. I spoke to in 2017 to mark her first child-ren's album, I Believe In You. She quipped: "Somebody said, 'Why did you wait so long to make a children's album?' and I just said, 'Well, I wanted to wait until my second childhood'.

"I'm there now!" she added before breaking into a peal of laughter that had me joining in.

"I have a very child-like spirit and I've been writing these songs for years. I spend so much time with children that I think like a kid."

Despite never experiencing mother-hood herself, Dolly recalled: "Being from a big family, with eight children younger than me, we all had to be responsible for one another.

"All the girls were little mommies and all the boys were little daddies – and we were very close. Now I love my little nieces and nephews (who called her Aunt Granny)."

But Dolly **WAS** a godmother to a singer, also born in Tennessee and who, like her, also commands the world stage. Miley Cyrus. "I love Miley," she said. "She could be one of my own.

"Like all kids, they go through their bad times but they have a right to make mistakes and grow up in their own way, according to their own personalities.

*"Miley's a good girl. She's smart, she's talented and I'll always be on her side."*

In telling the Dolly Parton story, it's also important to reflect on the three most important men in her life – her father, her husband and her early singing partner Porter Wagoner.

She told me her ever-expanding Imagination Library was inspired by her farmer dad Robert Lee Parton.

She launched the charity in 1995 to encourage childhood literacy and, by the end of last year, it had handed 304,539,509 free books to under-fives in countries including the US and UK.

"I'm very proud of my Imagination Library," Dolly said. "I established it in my home country because my dad couldn't read or write.

"He lived long enough to see it start and I got him involved. He was so smart, so wonderful and such a good daddy but it was just crippling to him that he couldn't read."

As for enigmatic hubby Carl, Dolly released an album in 2016 called Pure & Simple and her partner was very much on her mind.

"So many of the songs are about him," she said. "I based it on our relationship.

"I even pulled in two songs written about him from the Seventies, Say Forever You'll Be Mine and Tomorrow Is Forever, because I thought they fitted so well.

"I decided this is a good year to do love songs because I've been married for 50 years."

In St. Louis, I watched Dolly as she regaled the audience with the story behind Jolene and its immortal line, "I'm begging of you, please don't take my man".

As the song about a girl with "flaming locks of auburn hair" ended to thunderous applause, she said: "I'm glad you remember her. I've been trying to forget her . . . for about 50 years!

"A lot of my songs are based on some truth and Jolene was about a girl that was flirting with my husband back then.

"She was working down at the bank and he was spending a little more time down there than he should.

"So I put a stop to it. I wrote the song about Jolene and did a lot of banking after that – but not at her bank!"

Dolly then revealed that on Memorial Day (the last Monday of May) "my husband Carl and I had been married for 50 years, so we decided we'd do it again".

She said: "I was looking through his address book the night before we renewed our vows. I thought, 'I'm gonna see if he's still got Jolene's number. I might let her have him for the next 50 years.' That's gonna be the hard part, right? But I guess I'll keep him'."

And what about Porter Wagoner, country singer and TV host, who gave Dolly her early break as his duet partner on his show in 1967 when she was 21?

## 'Hope and humour'

She told me candidly: "Well, Porter was very influential in my life and for my career but we bashed heads because we were both stubborn.

"When I joined his show, I'd already had a couple of top ten records. I said I'd stay for five years and wound up staying for seven.

"I loved Porter and he loved me. It was a love-hate relationship but it was all meant to be. I'm so grateful to him for so many things but I had to go my own way."

In 1973, as Dolly prepared to spread her wings, she wrote I Will Always Love You as a farewell to Porter.

The song would become her biggest-selling hit when Whitney Houston recorded it for The Bodyguard soundtrack in 1992.

She told me that denying Elvis Presley the opportunity to record it had been one of the "most heartbreaking" decisions she ever made.

"It wasn't Elvis personally," she said. "He loved the song and I loved it."

"Then, on the last day of the recording session, Colonel Tom Parker lays something on me, 'that we take half the publishing rights if we put it out'. I said: 'Well, that's just tough', and man, it was a heart-breaker.

"I thought, 'I can't just give this away.' I want to leave it to my brothers and sisters'."

People told Dolly that Elvis could have made her "ten times as much money" but she held firm. "Then after Whitney, I was certainly justified," she smiled.

One thing I always got from Dolly was that she never took her success for granted.

"It's scary, it's a big responsibility but it's what I've worked for all my life," she said.

"I like to think people are familiar with me because I've been around so long. I'm like a relative – a sister or a favourite aunt.

"I'm somebody you're comfortable with, plus I came from humble beginnings and people always love my Cinderella story.

"There's so much darkness in the world, so many people with bad attitudes and fear. I'd like to think I represent a little bit of hope and humour.

*"I try to make light of situations for myself as well as for others. I try to find the joy."*

# Thursday TV GUIDE

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## BBC ONE

**6am Breakfast** (S)
**9.30 Morning Live: Top Tips And Best Bits** The CPR advice that saved one viewer's life. (S)
**10.30 Garden Rescue** Chris Hull and Lee Burkhill create a 'healing garden' in Bristol. (R,S)
**11.15 Homes Under The Hammer** (S)
**12.15 Bargain Hunt** Catherine Southon and Mark Stacey help two teams make a profit in Detling, Kent. (R,S)
**1.00 BBC News** (S)
**2.00 Money For Nothing** Jacqui Joseph searches Beaconsfield Recycling centre for items to save. (S)
**2.45 Escape To The Country** Alistair Appleton helps a buyer find a new home in Suffolk. (R,S)
**3.30 The Repair Shop** The team repair a large plush hound dog given to the Elvis fan club by the singer's manager. (R,S)
**4.30 The Answer Run** Quiz hosted by Jason Manford. (R,S)
**5.15 Pointless** Quiz hosted by Alexander Armstrong and Nish Kumar. (R,S)
**6.00 BBC News** (S)
**6.30 Regional News** (S)

**9pm** A murder witnessed by a wedding party puzzles in Ludwig

**7.00 The One Show** Lauren Laverne and Angellica Bell present the live magazine show featuring a mixture of celebrity chat and stories of interest. (S)
**7.30 EastEnders** Alfie's surprise soon turns to chaos. Suki is fuming and takes matters into her own hands and Priya and Ravi consider what the future might hold. (S)
**8.00 Dragons' Den** (9/14) Pitches include nut-and-seed-based snacks, a gadget for tackling water waste and a vision for upscaling a mural installation business. (S)
**9.00 Ludwig** (2/6) When a ceilidh is cut short by an unwelcome guest, John is left in a spin. A murder witnessed by an entire wedding party proves to be quite the puzzle. (S)
**10.00 BBC News** (S)
**10.30 Regional News** (S)
**10.40 The Truth About My Murder** (4, 5 & 6/6) Triple bill. The tale of a killer who used the Covid-19 lockdown as cover for the murder of a social worker, revealing how pathology helped to reveal what unfolded behind closed doors. Next, a fight between neighbours that left one man dead. Then, a woman said to have died a few hours after a hit-and-run. (S)
**12.40 Alan Carr's Picture Slam** With contestants from Bristol, Lisburn and Wolverhampton. (R,S) Then **Weather For The Week Ahead 1.30-6am** BBC News (S)

## BBC TWO

**6.30 am Escape To The Country** In Devon. (R,S)
**7.15 Money For Nothing** (R,S)
**8.00 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef** (R,S,SL)
**9.00 BBC News** (S)
**1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games** (R,S)
**1.30 The Edge** Game show, hosted by Gabby Logan. (R,S)
**2.15 Do You Know Your Place?** The contestants answer questions on Bamburgh in Northumberland. (R,S)
**2.45 Animal Park Summer** (R,S)
**3.30 Serengeti III** Old favourites meet new characters at the river, including a baby hippo. (R,S)
**4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow** From Chichester Cathedral. First broadcast in 2003. (R,S)
**5.05 Flog It!** From Barrow Hill Roundhouse in Derbyshire. (R,S)
**6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games** Jimi Famurewa, Harriet Kemsley, Colin Murray and Sara Pascoe compete. (R,S)
**6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys** In Bayeux, Michael Portillo admires the famous tapestry. (R,S)

**8pm** The remaining pairs sell to the public in The Big Deal With Steph McGovern

**7.00 Today At The Test** England v Pakistan. Action from the opening day of the second Test in the three-match series, held at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. (S)
**8.00 The Big Deal With Steph McGovern** (3/6) The five remaining pairs explore the world of prints and limited editions in Margate, the traditional seaside town that's been transformed into a vibrant art destination. (S)
**9.00 A House Through Time** (3/4) At the start of the 20th century, the new residents of Calton Hill find themselves wrapped up in bigamy and brutality. (S)
**10.00 Red Dwarf** (3/6) Rimmer is taken prisoner on a planet where the inhabitants and landscape are created by his own mind, and is subjected to a series of gruesome tortures. (R,S)
**10.30 Newsnight** With Paddy O'Connell. (S) Followed by **Weather**
**11.05 Emergency 24/7** (2/6) The team battles to save Paul, whose leg has been severed after being hit by a train, and they question the story of a man with a deep wound who denies being stabbed. (R,S)
**12.05 FILM Dear Evan Hansen** Musical drama starring Ben Platt and Julianne Moore. (2021) ✪✪✪✪ (S) **2.10-3.10am** Sign Zone: Brexit – A Very British Civil War (R,S,SL)

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**6am Good Morning Britain** (S)
**10.00 This Morning** Daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, topical discussion and more. (S)
**1.30 ITV News** (S)
**1.55 Regional News** (S)
**2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** David Dickinson lands at Aerospace Bristol, where the team set up the dealers' den beneath the wings of the majestic Concorde. (R,S)
**3.00 Deal Or No Deal** Alex tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order. (R,S) Followed by **Local Weather**
**4.00 Tipping Point** Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)
**5.00 The Chase** Bradley Walsh presents as Phil from St Helens, Richard from Wolverhampton, Vicky from Northwich and Samantha from Houghton-le-Spring take part. (R,S)
**6.00 Regional News** (S)
**6.30 ITV News** (S)

**8.30pm** Sarah fears she has placed Harry in harm's way in Coronation Street

**7.30 It'll Be Alright On The Night** TV clangers featuring Joel Dommett, Romesh Ranganathan, Ant & Dec, Colin Murray, Amol Rajan, Susanna Reid, Joe Pasquale, Prue Leith and more. Tom Allen hosts. (S)
**8.00 Emmerdale** A wave of shock and horror passes through the village, while Graham continues trying to free himself. (S)
**8.30 Coronation Street** Sarah fears she has placed Harry in harm's way, Ollie gets arrested for assaulting Jake, while Lucy's social worker checks up on her, and Maggie tries to avoid Brian. (S)
**9.00 Beat The Chasers** (2/8) Jenny 'the Vixen' Ryan, Anne 'the Governess' Hegerty, Shaun 'the Dark Destroyer' Wallace, Mark 'the Beast' Labbett, Paul 'the Sinnerman' Sinha and Darragh 'the Menace' Ennis come together to take on more contestants from across the country. Can any of them come out on top? Bradley Walsh hosts. (R,S)
**10.00 ITV News At Ten** (S)
**10.30 Regional News** (S)
**10.45 No Time To Die** FILM James Bond sets off on the trail of an enigmatic villain armed with lethal new technology. Action thriller starring Daniel Craig. (2021) ✪✪✪✪ (S)
**1.25 Shop On TV 3.00** The Summit (R,S,SL) **3.50** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.05-6am** Deal Or No Deal: Celebrity Special (R,S,SL)

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**6.30 am The King Of Queens** (R,S)
**7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond** Three episodes. (R,S)
**9.10 Frasier** (R,S)
**11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back** Gordon Ramsay tries to improve a Caribbean fusion restaurant in LA. (R,S)
**12.05 C4 News** (S)
**12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** A motorised pedal cycle is among the items in Norfolk. (R,S)
**1.10 The Great House Giveaway** A residential worker and apprentice electrician renovate a house in Chirk, north Wales. (R,S)
**2.10 Countdown** (S)
**3.00 A Place In The Sun** A retired couple seek a holiday home in Torrevieja, southern Spain. (R,S)
**4.00 The Great B&B Challenge** The latest challenge is to host a 'happening'. (R,S)
**5.00 Château DIY** Tim and Sasha overhaul an outdated guest room with some upcycling ingenuity. (R,S)
**6.00 American Pickers** A warehouse in Chicago filled with superstar sports memorabilia. (R,S)

**8pm** Vogue Williams and Luke Mabbott help a couple in Renovation Rescue

**7.00 C4 News** (S)
**8.00 Renovation Rescue** In West Yorkshire, Richard and Nangula's renovation of Richard's beloved childhood home has gone on for eight years, now they're hoping to finish in time for a family celebration. (S)
**9.00 The Murder Detective** (2/3) The team recover a gun that may be linked to Lyra's murder. When they believe they can put a name to the masked perpetrator, Murphy launches a series of high-risk operations. (S)
**10.00 The Never Ending Murder** (3 & 4/4) Double bill. In 2012, more than 20 years after Nicola's disappearance, the case seems to have gone cold. But then new information and a new detective leading the case re-ignite the police's efforts to find Nicola. Then, years after Nicola vanished the case has gone cold once more. But then, astonishingly, a man comes forward with new information that could break the case. (S)
**12.00 Crime Scene Cleaners** (R,S,SL) **12.55** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S,SL) **1.45** Secret Lives Of Gypsy Wives (R,S) **2.40** FILM Underwater. Sci-fi thriller starring Kristen Stewart. (2020) ✪✪✪ (S) **4.15** A Place In The Sun (R,S) **4.40** Sunday Brunch (R,S) **4.55** Couples Come Dine With Me (R,S,SL) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

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**6am Milkshake!**
**9.15 Jeremy Vine** (S)
**11.30 Storm & Alexis** Discussion and debate. (S)
**12.45 5 News** (S)
**12.50 Matt Allwright** Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)
**2.20 To Kill A Stepfather** FILM A woman investigates the death of her stepfather after her estranged mother is arrested for his murder. But not everything is as it seems. Thriller starring Alex Camacho. (2023) ✪✪✪ (S)
**4.00 Castle** One of Slaughter's informants is murdered. (S)
**4.55 Love Nature** A boy who has raised thousands of pounds for nature charities. (R,S)
**5.00 5 News With Dan Walker** (S)
**6.00 Motorhoming With Merton & Webster** Paul Merton and Suki Webster explore Devon, beginning by heading to Dartmoor national park to meet a local guide for a Sherlock Holmes-inspired tour. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**

**9pm** Dennis and Rosa reconstruct events of a jellyfish incident in Benidorm Is Murder

**7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026** Rebecca Charlton presents action from stage six of the Grand Tour race, a 177.4km route from Alcossebre to Castellón that featured a category one climb to El Bartolo. (S) Followed by **5 News Update**
**8.00 The Yorkshire Vet** Julian Norton performs one of his most challenging and delicate operations ever on Milo, a young girl's hamster, and Matt Smith tests a couple of badger cubs for TB. (S)
**9.00 Benidorm Is Murder** (5/6) Dennis and Rosa investigate the death of a man after a jellyfish incident. Crime drama starring John Hannah and Carolina Bécquer. (S)
**10.00 Killer At The Crime Scene** The death of neuroscientist Autumn Klein, who was rushed to hospital after collapsing. She died several days later and bright red blood samples uncovered this was a murder case. (S)
**11.05 Fatal First Dates** True crime documentary that uncovers the reality behind modern romance. (S)
**12.05 Street Cops: Catching The Yobs** (R,S) **1.00** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **2.50** Castle (S) **3.40** Friends (R,S) **4.30** Amazing Railway Adventures With Nick Knowles (R,S,SL) **5.25** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL) **5.45-6am** Mixmups (R,S,SL)

**REGIONAL VARIATIONS** S4C: **6am** Cyw **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Cais Quinnell **12.30** Heno **1.00** Codi Hwyl **1.30** Sgwrs Dan Y Lloer **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Am Dro! **4.00** Awr Fawr: Caban Banana Gareth **4.05** Chwedlau Tinga Tinga **4.20** Help Llaw **4.35** Mojo Swoptops **4.50** Annibendod **5.00** Stwnsh: Byd Rwtsh Dai Potsh **5.15** Larfa **5.20** Dyffryn Mwmin **5.45** Cuddio **6.00** Cynefin **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Gwlad Y Basg: Gwilym Bowen Rhys **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Cyfrinachau'r Great Escape **10.00** Taclo'r Ty **10.30-11.35pm** Radio Fa'ma BBC ONE WALES: **12.40am** Buried With Michael Sheen **1.40-6am** BBC News

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# CUT LOOSE

## Denise goes from daytime show to Netflix

**DENISE WELCH'S decision to cut herself free from Loose Women has paid off – by landing a lead role in a new Netflix sitcom.**

She quit the ITV daytime hit after 25 years, after being tempted by the telly streamer's range of big projects and its deep pockets.

Former Corrie favourite Denise isn't the first big name viewed as an ITV stalwart to make the leap to Netflix – following in the footsteps of **HOLLY WILLOUGHBY**, **EMMA WILLIS** and **AMANDA HOLDEN**.

Denise, 68, will star in Marbles, by **ROBERT POPPER**, who created Channel 4 sitcom Friday Night Dinner, alongside **TIMOTHY SPALL**.

A TV insider said: "Denise wasn't kidding when she said she was going to be devoting her time to pursuing acting. This is a prestige project and the fact Netflix wants her, shows she is in genuine demand."

Netflix describes the upcoming programme as a "multi-generational comedy about a couple raising ridiculously lively young boys, while caring for ridiculously difficult ageing parents."

It is understood Denise and Timothy will play the grandparents.

Netflix announced the new show at the Edinburgh TV Festival along with lots of other new ventures.

Including new drama The Unheard written by **JACK THORNE** and starring **KATE WINSLET** and **MAXINE PEAKE** as two sisters who go on the run after an act of vengeance goes wrong.

The streamer also confirmed that darts-based show Beat Luke Littler is going ahead, with **GARY LINEKER** as the host.

NEW ROLE . . . Denise has comedy job

**ANYA TAYLOR-JOY** and **CLIVE OWEN** will co-star in How To Kill Your Family, an adaptation of Bella Mackie's bestselling novel.

While **BARRY KEOGHAN** will reprise his role as Jonny in Jonny Boy – a series from the world of Top Boy – created by Ronan Bennett.

There will also be a series of **ROALD DAHL** stories for adults – mooted as the next Tales Of The Unexpected – starring **NAOMI SCOTT, JOSH FINAN, IMELDA STAUNTON, NICOLA COUGHLAN, TOBY JONES** and **DOMINIC WEST.**

## FAMILIES SHOW IS NEIGH-GO

**ITV bosses have axed The Neighbourhood, admitting it was such a failure they'll never make a show like it again.**

**Joe Mace, the channel's Commissioning Editor, said: "People loved the idea of creating a neighbourhood where you were judging people and how they would behave as families. It had really good ITV ingredients.**

OFF . . Norton

**"We've learned people come to ITV for fast turnaround; live reality TV.**

**"They've been served the best in Love Island and Big Brother and we should stick to that."**

**In The Neighbourhood, hosted by GRAHAM NORTON, families and households competed for the chance to win a life-changing cash prize.**

**ITV boss Kevin Lygo said: "We're trying new shows, I don't mind the odd failure."**

MASTER of deadpan **JACK DEE** is set to host a new comedy game show. Help Me Tiny Big Brain will see three junior Einsteins paired with three household names, including **LUCY BEAUMONT** and **JOHNNY VEGAS**. The four-parter is due to go out on U&Dave and U later this year.

## TONY'S IN BADD' SHAPE

**THINGS take a dark turn in the upcoming series of Rivals, if a new clip is anything to go by.**

**It features DAVID TENNANT, as Lord Baddingham, laughing and chatting while watching TV on the sofa with his wife Monica.**

**At first, viewers assume the snippet is a flashback, as fans of the Disney+ show know Monica, played by CLAIRE RUSHBROOK, died in series two when a tree fell on her car as she fled after hearing about Tony's latest infidelity.**

LORDING IT . . . Tennant

**But the camera then pans to Tony and back to the vacant end of the sofa, revealing he has been talking to her ghost.**

**And in the spine-chilling next scene, he is shown cocking a shotgun that has been resting on his lap.**

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## ROONEYS READY TO PLAY

FAMILY TIME . . . Wayne, Coleen and their four sons relax on the sofa

No one knows the real Rooneys.

**DISNEY+ has scored a real winner with fly-on-the-wall The Real Rooneys.**

**The teaser trailer for the ten-parter gives viewers a glimpse of WAYNE, COLEEN and their four sons' "hectic" life at their mansion.**

**In a longer trailer released at the festival, the couple are seen chatting to ROBBIE WILLIAMS and DANNY DYER. And Coleen is heard saying her focus was always her family – until the infamous Wagatha case against arch nemesis REBEKAH VARDY.**

**The Real Rooneys, out on September 24, also captures the aftermath of Wayne's sacking as Plymouth Argyle manager.**

**The trailers certainly leave you wanting more.**

ROO NO . . . Wayne puts head in his hands




FOCUSED . . . Coleen, and *left*, chatting with her husband

## CELEBS STILL BIG FOR ITV

**WE are just weeks away from a new series of Big Brother, but the future of its star-studded stablemate is still looking wobbly.**

**When asked about the fate of Celebrity Big Brother, after months of speculation, ITV managing director Kevin Lygo said: "We're committed to it, but it's brutal out there. As long as it's delivering we'll continue it.**

BB RETURN . . . Kate

**"It is the most extraordinary show of the last 20 years. It's influenced so much.**

**"It's great it's still on British TV and it will continue as long as it can." In June, I revealed how – with months to go before it was expected to air on ITV2 – key staff working behind the scenes on CBB were operating on the basis that it wouldn't be coming back.**

**Meanwhile, ITV has announced GK BARRY and show legend KATE LAWLER will host new spin-off show, Big Brother: The Group Chat.**

**It will air Sunday to Thursday straight after the main show on ITV2 and ITVX.**

DESPITE picking up mixed reviews, Disney+ comedy drama Alice And Steve is getting a second series. The Split's **NICOLA WALKER** and What We Do In The Shadows star **JEMAINE CLEMENT** will return as the pals whose friendship is blown apart when he starts dating her daughter.

## GARY: MY JOY BEING A SLOB

THE word icon can be overused, but that's not the case with **SIR GARY OLDMAN**.

The acting legend has been a trailblazing talent for more than five decades and yesterday he received the Festival's Global Icon Award.

Looking back over his career, he told **EDITH BOWMAN** that playing flatulent slob and spy Jackson Lamb in Apple TV's Slow Horses, had been a "pleasure".

ICON . . Gary

He added: "He's a man who has single-handedly lowered the public's expectation of personal hygiene", and added: "He has not filter, he is direct, he can't be a**ed with social norms – that's the fun of playing him."

Gary said he felt that the show, which returns for its sixth series next month, "fell from the sky at this time in my life".

# Thursday

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## FREEVIEW

### BBC THREE freeview 23

**7pm** Live Athletics: Diamond League Zurich. The Weltklasse Zurich. **9.00** The Catch Up **9.05** Better Date Than Never **10.00 FILM** 27 Dresses. A single woman acting as a bridesmaid at her sister's wedding struggles to hide her love for the groom. Romantic comedy starring Katherine Heigl and James Marsden. (2008) **11.45pm-2.15am** Angels Of The North

### BBC FOUR freeview 9

**7pm** Villages By The Sea **7.30** Canal Boat Diaries **8.00** Vasa: The Ghost Ship **9.00 FILM** Jaws. A seaside town's police chief has to deal with a giant killer shark preying on tourists. Steven Spielberg's thriller starring Roy Scheider, Richard Dreyfuss and Robert Shaw. (1975) **11.00** Talking Pictures **11.45 FILM** Jaws 2. A man-eating shark menaces teenagers adrift off a seaside resort, while the police chief tries to alert the community. Thriller sequel starring Roy Scheider and Lorraine Gary. (1978) **1.35-2.05am** Canal Boat Diaries

### ITV2 freeview 6

**6am** Backyard Builds **6.30** Dress To Impress **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **8.20** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.10** Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep **2.10** Wheel Of Fortune **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club Rollover **9.00** Romesh Ranganathan's Parents' Evening **10.00** Changing Ends **10.35** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30-2.20am** Deal Or No Deal

### ITV3 freeview 10

**6am** George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.40** Midsomer Murders **3.40** Classic Emmerdale **5.15** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** Lewis **11.50pm-2am** Inspector Morse

### ITV4 freeview 26

**6am** Football Rivalries **6.20** Made In Britain **6.50** Magnum, PI **7.55** Robin Of Sherwood **9.00** Boon **10.05** The Professionals **11.15** Robin Of Sherwood **12.15** Magnum, PI **2.20** The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes **3.30** Boon **4.35** The Professionals **5.40** Minder **6.45** Sharpe **9pm-3.45am** All Elite Wrestling: All In

### E4 freeview 13

**6am** Modern Family **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00** Cruising Paradise: Above And Below Deck. The Star Princess drops anchor in Belize. **10.00** Gogglebox **11.05** First Dates **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.10-2.10am** Cruising Paradise: Above And Below Deck

### MORE4 freeview 18

**8.55am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** 24 Hours In A&E **11.05** 999: On The Front Line **1.15-2.20am** 24 Hours In A&E

PETS APPEAL . . . Roland gets upstaged by his dog Beattie and his pack

## DOG PARK
**Channel U**

BILLED as a replacement for brilliant Australian comedy Colin From Accounts, Dog Park has a lot of potential.

We find grumpy Roland (Leon Ford) dragged into a community of overfriendly, canine-obsessed neighbours as he tries to come to terms with his crumbling marriage.

Comedies can make light of dark times and have you crying with laughter when tackling tough subjects.

But sadly, Dog Park's opening episode doesn't do that. A shortage of chuckles left me feeling like I was barking up the wrong tree, particularly as Colin From Accounts – a hilarious show about a flawed but funny couple brought together by a dog – had me loudly cackling throughout series one and two.

The one thing that did put a smile on my face, though, were the cute dogs. Particularly the main star Beattie, Roland's gorgeous pooch.

Poor Beattie has a lot in her doggy bowl. Above all else, she has to deal with her grouchy owner, who is annoyed by everything. "You know she left because she hates you," Roland tells Beattie about wife Emma (Brooke Satchwell), who has abandoned them to go and work in the US.

He's irritated by everyone, from his tea-slurping co-worker to his perky new dog walker pals who just want to welcome him into their crew with some daytime drinking.

"If you miss her so much, go find her," yells a drunken Roland at Beattie before leaving the gate open so she can escape (spoiler alert: she

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### SKY MIX freeview 11

**7am** Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7 **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation **8.00** Hawaii Five-0. The team goes on the trail of a violent prison escapee. **9.00** Killer In My Village. The disappearance of Bernadette Walker in 2020. **10.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers. The actions of Adam Whelehan, who murdered his girlfriend in 2012. **11.00** Grimm **12.00** Wynonna Earp **1.00-2am** Police 24/7

**BBC Three 9.05pm** Kento goes all out with his costume in Better Date than Never

### U&DAVE freeview 19

**7.25am** Top Gear **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein's Fresh Food **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Speed With Guy Martin: F1 Challenge **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **5.00** Rick Stein's Fresh Food **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** Hit Point **10.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **11.00** Taskmaster **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40-2am** Would I Lie To You?

### U&DRAMA freeview 20

**7.15am** The Bill **8.10** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Classic Neighbours **3.05** Whitstable Pearl **4.10** Kingdom **5.20** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** The Marlow Murder Club. Judith and Suzie work with the police to find the killer. **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Luther **12.40** Lovejoy **1.50-2.50am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

### REALLY freeview 44

**6am** Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Long Lost Family **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Bad Skin Clinic **11pm-2am** Help! My House Is Haunted

### U&YESTERDAY freeview 27

**6.10am** Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases **11.00** The World At War **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** The World At War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Seven Worlds, One Planet **8.00** Bangers & Cash **9.00** Dream Car Fixers **10.00** Bangers & Cash **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

### U&W freeview 25

**6.15am** Property Brothers: Forever Homes **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.20** Inside The Ambulance **9.20** DIY SOS: The Big Build **11.20** Missing Persons Investigation **1.30-3am** Sort Your Life Out With Stacey Solomon

### QUEST freeview 17

**6am** Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Opal Hunters **1.00** The Repair Shop **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** Outback Truckers **9.00** Outback Opal Hunters **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

### THAT'S TV freeview 56

**8am** Rising Damp **8.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em **9.10** You Rang, M'Lord? **10.15** Bread **10.50** Steptoe And Son **11.30** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **12.05** Rising Damp **12.35** Man About The House **1.05** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.45** When The Boat Comes In **2.45** Minder **3.50** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.05** Rising Damp **6.40** Steptoe And Son **7.15** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **9.55** Shameless **10.55** Man About The House **11.25** Mind Your Language **12.00** Benidorm **12.55-2am** Minder

## SPORT

**Sky Sports Action 7.30pm** Harry Smith and Wigan Warriors face Hull Kingston Rovers

### SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6am** LIVE Tennis. The Monterrey Open. Further coverage of day four. **6.30** Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** LIVE Test Cricket. England v Pakistan. Coverage of the opening day of the second Test. **6.30** LIVE PGA Tour Golf. The Tour Championship. Coverage of day one. **7.15** LIVE EFL Cup. Chelsea v Luton Town. Kick-off at 7.30. **10.00** LIVE PGA Tour Golf. The Tour Championship. Coverage of day one. **11.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of the Stars of the Open exhibition. **2.00-6am** LIVE Tennis. The ATP Winston-Salem Open and WTA Monterrey Open.

### SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

**6am** PL Greatest Games **7.00** Best PL Goals 06/07 **8.00** Premier League Stories **8.30** Netbusters **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Premier League Stories **1.30** Netbusters **2.00** PL Years **4.00** Premier League Stories **4.30** Netbusters **5.00** The Premier League Show **7.00** The Transfer Show **8.00** The Big Interview **8.30** Premier League Stories **9.00** PL Review **10.00** The Big Interview **10.30** Premier League Stories **11.00** PL Years **1.00-3am** PL Retro

### SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

**6am** Championship Retro **8.00** Henrik Larsson: 20 Years On **9.00** SPFL Highlights **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Highlights **11.00** EFL Cup **1.00** EFL Greatest Games **1.15** SPFL Highlights **1.45** EFL Highlights **2.00** The World Football Show **3.00** EFL Highlights **4.00** EFL Cup Highlights **5.00** Bundesliga Preview **6.00** EFL Highlights **6.30** Bundesliga Weekly **7.00** EFL Highlights **7.15** LIVE EFL Cup. Chelsea v Luton Town. Kick-off at 7.30. **10.00** EFL Cup Highlights **11.00** Bundesliga Weekly **11.30** EFL Cup Highlights **12.30** EFL Highlights **1.00-3am** EFL

### SKY SPORTS ACTION

**6am** Betfred Super League **12.00** NFL Highlights **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **5.00** The Proving Ground **5.30** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **7.30** LIVE Betfred Super League. Wigan Warriors v Hull Kingston Rovers. **10.15** NFL Bitesize Highlights **11.00** NBA On Fire **11.30** The Proving Ground **12.00** NFL Highlights **1.00-4.15am** LIVE NFL. Cleveland Browns v New England Patriots.

### SKY SPORTS +

**6am** LIVE Tennis. The Monterrey Open. **6.30** Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** The World Football Show **3.00** LIVE Ladies European Tour Golf. The KPMG Women's Irish Open. **6.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Day four of the qualifying event. **7.30** LIVE Betfred Super League. Wigan Warriors v Hull Kingston Rovers. **10.15pm-6am** LIVE Tennis. The ATP Winston-Salem Open and WTA Monterrey Open.

### SKY SPORTS CRICKET

**6am** The Film Room: England Vs India **7.00** Test Cricket **10.00** LIVE Test Cricket. England v Pakistan. **7.00** Best Of ICC WT20 **7.30** International T20 Cricket **8.00** Test Cricket **9.00** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **9.30** Test Cricket Bitesize **9.45** Best Of ICC WT20 **10.00** Test Cricket **11.00** One-Day International Cricket **12.00** Test Cricket **1.00** Women's ICC World T20 Cricket **1.30-2am** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain

### SKY SPORTS GOLF

**6am** Chronicles Of A Champion Golfer **7.00** DP World Tour Golf **7.30** PGA Tour Champions **8.30** Tommy 25 **9.00** PGA Tour: The Cut **9.30** PGA Tour Champions Learning Centre **10.00** PGA Tour Golf **11.00** DP World Tour Golf **12.30** LIVE DP World Tour Golf. The Husqvarna British Masters. **6.00** LIVE PGA Tour Golf. The Tour Championship. **11.00** Justin Rose: Chasing Forever **12.00-12.30am** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Sky Witness 9pm** Colin gets a tip about a terror plot in crime drama CIA

### SKY ONE

**6am** Mornings **7.00** Mornings With Ridge And Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **10.00** La Brea **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Africa's Hunters **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Rob & Romesh Vs Cricket: South Africa **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Rob & Romesh Vs K-Pop **9.00** An Idiot Abroad 3. Karl Pilkington goes touring again – this time accompanied by Warwick Davis. **10.00 FILM** Homefront. A former drug enforcement agent tries to put his past behind him, but is drawn into a conflict with a gangster. Crime thriller starring Jason Statham and James Franco. (2013) **12.00** The Paper **1.00-2am** Grimm

### SKY ATLANTIC

**6am** Urban Secrets **8.00** Billions **10.15** The Last Of Us **12.40** Homicide: Life On The Street **2.20** Billions **4.25** The White Lotus **6.35** House Of The Dragon **9.00** Fightland. Crime drama starring Howard Charles. **10.05** Fightland. Duke must improvise to keep his mission on track. **11.10** Fightland. Duke turns up the heat on the Marshalls. **12.15-2.20am FILM** Nightcrawler. Crime drama starring Jake Gyllenhaal. (2014)

### SKY WITNESS

**6am** Sun, Sea And A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** The Force: Manchester **10.00** Motorway Patrol **10.30** Caught Red Handed **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** CIA. Colin gets a tip about a terror plot, while the team finds a man who was thought dead after having been kidnapped in Türkiye nine years previously. **10.00** The Equalizer. McCall's life continues to crumble. **11.00** The Rookie **12.00** FBI **1.00-2am** Chicago Med. Frost and Archer face a troubling medical mystery.

### U&GOLD

**7.25am** Don't Wait Up **7.55** Ever Decreasing Circles **8.35** Porridge **9.10** The Green Green Grass **9.50** Are You Being Served? **10.30** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.50** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.25** Porridge **1.00** Keeping Up Appearances **1.40** Dad's Army **2.20** The Green Green Grass **3.00** Are You Being Served? **3.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.20** Dad's Army **5.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Porridge. Mackay takes a well-earned holiday. **7.40** Dad's Army. Mainwaring decides the platoon needs a mascot for a big parade. **8.20** Are You Being Served? An in-house magazine causes rifts. **9.00** The Office. Brent is headhunted. **9.35** Fawlty Towers. Basil tries to stop an unmarried couple lowering moral standards. **10.20** Not Going Out. The gang spends a weekend on Frank's new boat. **11.00** Mrs Brown's Boys **11.35** The Office **12.15** Fawlty Towers **1.00** Not Going Out **1.40-2.25am** Mrs Brown's Boys

### COMEDY CENTRAL

**8am** Michael McIntyre's Big Show **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Friends **9.00 FILM** Con Air. Action thriller starring Nicolas Cage. (1997) **11.15** Stupid Central **12.15** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **1.15** The Comedy Bus **1.45-2.10am** South Park

### U&ALIBI

**7.15am** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Return To Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body Of Proof **7.00** Private Eyes. Shade ends up in the middle of a hostage situation. **8.00** Bookish. The evidence forces Book and the team to face a disturbing question. **9.15** The Hunting Party. Two decades after his apparent death, cult leader and serial killer Noah Cyrus reappears. **10.15** Return To Paradise. A hairdresser is found strangled to death in her locked beauty salon. **11.15** Private Eyes **12.15** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.15-2.20am** Hudson & Rex

### SKY COMEDY

**8am** Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** Avenue 5 **11.20** Will & Grace **12.20** Upright **1.40** Avenue 5 **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** Hitmen **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** Animal Control. Frank and Victoria stake out a peacock. **9.00** Micky Flanagan: An' Another Fing Live. A stand-up show recorded at London's O2 Arena. **10.45** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver. A satirical look at the past seven days. **11.30** Two Weeks To Live **12.30** Animal Control **1.30-2am** Community

### DISCOVERY

**6am** How It's Made **7.00** The Aquarium **8.00** Treehouse Masters **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers **9.00** Naked And Afraid: Global Showdown. Two teams score crab, stingray and octopus, but the third struggles. **11.00** Expedition Files. With Josh Gates. **12.00** Deadliest Catch **1.00-3am** Naked And Afraid: Global Showdown

## RADIO

**Virgin Radio 2pm** Ben Jones hosts the biggest songs to soundtrack your day

### VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

**6.30am** Chris Evans **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Will MacDonald **10.00** Goldierocks **2.00-7am** Steve Denyer

### TALKRADIO DAB talkradio.co.uk

**6am** Jeremy Kyle **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **10.00** Andre Walker Ft. Ash **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Through The Papers

### TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

**6am** TalkSPORT Breakfast **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Baker **4.00** Champions League Drive **7.00** Kick Off **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00-5am** Extra Time

# TV GUIDE

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doesn't). There's a glimmer of hope things will get a bit cheerier when Roland bites the bullet and finally joins the dog group, with everyone delighted to see him.

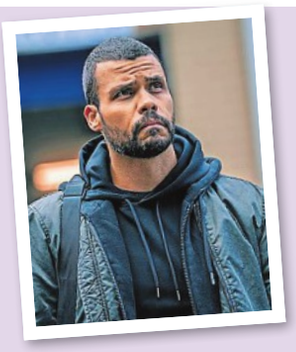
There's also a spark between him and Sam (Celia Pacquola), who he earlier accused of kidnapping Beattie when she was merely just taking her for a walk.

But she also has a husband, so that could get very messy.

Featuring male loneliness, excessive drinking and midlife crises, Dog Park doesn't shy away from difficult topics.

I just wish it had a bit more wag in its tail. And more Beattie.

**JANINE YAQOOB**



COMPELLING . . . Charles as Kilroy

## Sun TV picks

**FIGHTLAND, Sky Atlantic, 9pm:** Executive producer Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson delivers a tense, visceral crime saga set against the gritty backdrop of professional boxing and ruthless gangland warfare.

Howard Charles stars as British fighter Duke Kilroy, who wins the world heavyweight crown in Las Vegas on the same night his beloved brother Calvin is murdered.

After eight years behind bars for murdering Calvin's killer, Duke returns home to London with a thirst for vengeance.

His ultimate target is cold-hearted boxing promoter Kingsley (Nicholas Pinnock), the man Duke firmly believes set him up. The bone-crunching action pulls no punches and the performances are compelling.

**LUDWIG, BBC One, 9pm:** While reclusive puzzle mastermind John (David Mitchell) and sister-in-law Lucy (Anna Maxwell Martin) continue digging into the mysterious disappearance of his twin brother James, a couple's special day turns into a blood-soaked crime scene.

There's an actual murder on the dancefloor and John struggles to calculate all the variables, major shockwaves hit the police station as Chief Constable Ziegler is suspended over his murky dealings with dodgy politician Joanne Kemper.

It remains a brilliant and potent mix of dark conspiracy, sharp wit and brain-teasing puzzles.

**BENIDORM IS MURDER, Channel 5, 9pm:** John Hannah as former detective Dennis has his hands full this week, and a suspicious new death on the sun-drenched coast is merely the tip of the iceberg.

Wealthy holidaymaker Mick is relaxing on the beach with his family when he suddenly dies in mysterious circumstances.

As Dennis and sidekick Rosa investigate, they find every single relative held a secret grudge and a strong motive for murder.

Meanwhile, the unexpected arrival of Dennis's ex-wife Tiff (Tamzin Outhwaite) sets up an explosive season finale.

**RENOVATION RESCUE, C4, 8pm:** When Richard and Nangula bought Richard's childhood home from his parents, they dreamed of creating a lovely space. Eight years on, the dream is a nightmare of spiralling costs and lost time. Presenters Vogue Williams and Luke Mabbott step in to sort out the mess.

**GEMMA QUADE**

### TNT SPORTS 1

**1.30pm** LIVE Cycling: Stage 6. Coverage of stage six of the Grand Tour race. **5.00** LIVE UEFA Champions League. Coverage of the draw for the league phase. **6.00** Groundbreaking **6.15** MLB Highlights **7.15** LIVE MLB. St Louis Cardinals v Baltimore Orioles. Start-time at **7.15**. **10.00** Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Seattle Seahawks **11.00** MLB Classic **11.15** MLB Highlights **12.15-3am** LIVE MLB. Atlanta Braves v Los Angeles Dodgers. Start-time at **12.15**.

### TNT SPORTS 2

**6am** Cycling **7.00** LIVE Snooker Wuhan Open. Coverage of the first session of the quarter-finals. **10.00** TNT Sports Reload **10.30** UCI Mountain Bike World Series Review **11.00** UEFA Champions League – Stories of the Finals **11.30** LIV Golf **12.30** LIVE Snooker Wuhan Open. Coverage of the second session of the quarter-finals. **3.30** MLB Highlights **4.30** LIVE UCI Mountain Bike World Championship. In Val di Sole, Italy. **5.15** LIVE UCI Mountain Bike World Championship. In Val di Sole, Italy. **6.30** eSports Show **7.00** Premier League Stories **7.30** Test Cricket Highlights **8.30** UCI Mountain Bike World Series Review **9.00** Rolex SailGP Championship **10.00** Cycling **11.00** CPL Highlights **11.30pm-3.45am** LIVE CPL. St Kitts & Nevis Patriots v Jamaica Kingsmen.

### TNT SPORTS 3

**6am** UEFA Champions League **10.00** Premier League Netbusters **10.30** Serie A – Full Impact **11.00** Premier League Stories **11.30** Rolex SailGP Championship **12.30** Cycling **1.30** LIVE Cycling: La Vuelta Men. Stage six. **5.00** Premier League – The Big Interview **5.30** Premier League Netbusters **6.00** Serie A – Full Impact **6.30** Inside Serie A **7.00** Ultimate Pool **8.30** CPL Highlights **9.00** LIV Golf **1.00-2am** UCI Mountain Bike World Championship

### PREMIER SPORTS 1

**6am** Sporting Countdowns **7.00** Surfing **8.00** Scottish Rally Championship **8.30** LaLiga **10.00** NASCAR **11.00** Brasileiro Serie A **1.00** French Rugby Union **1.30** LaLiga **3.30** UEFA Europa Conference League **5.30** LaLiga Highlights **5.40** LIVE UEFA Conference League. SC Freiburg v Motherwell. **8.15** LaLiga Highlights **8.30** Scottish Football Social Club **9.30** LaLiga Highlights **10.00** World Of FreeSports **10.30pm-2.30am** LaLiga

### TALKSPORT2 *DAB talksport.com*

**8am** Howzat For A Podcast! **9.00** Following On **10.00** EFL All Access **11.00** On Track **12.00** Fight Night Extra **1.00** Racing Live **3.00** The Social **5.00** The EFL Fan Network **6.00** EFL All Access **7.00** Conference League Live **9.30** PGA Tour Live **11.00** Howzat For A Podcast! **12.00-8am** My Sporting Life

### TIMES RADIO *DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio*

**6am** Kate McCann And Calum Macdonald **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **1.00** Daniel Finkelstein **2.00** Jane Garvey **4.00** John Pienaar **7.00** Kait Borsay **10.00** Henry Bonsu **1.00** The Best Of Times Radio **5.00-6am** James Kitchin

### RADIO 1 *97.6-99.8FM bbc.co.uk/radio1*

**7am** Greg James **11.00** Rickie, Melvin And Charlie **12.45** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt And Jerry **3.00** Pop Anthems **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Going Home With Vick, Katie And Jamie **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Road To Reading And Leeds With Jack Saunders And Sian Eleri **8.00** Rave-Up **10.00** BBC Introducing On Radio 1 Dance With Jaguar **11.00** The Residency On Radio 1 Dance **1.00-2am** Danny Howard's Club Mix

### RADIO 2 *88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2*

**6.30am** The Radio 2 Breakfast Show **9.30** Mark Goodier **12.00** Tina Daheley **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Jason Manford **7.00** Jo Whiley **9.00** Dolly Parton At The BBC **10.00** The Good Groove **12.00** OJ Borg **3.00-4am** Dance Sounds Of The 90s With Vernon Kay (R)

## MOVIES

**Sky Cinema Premiere 10pm** Hugh Grant stars in the horror Heretic

### SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

**10.40am Song Sung Blue** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **12.55 Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★ **2.45 Heretic** (15, 2024) ★★★★ **4.40 Twinless** (15, 2025) ★★★★ **6.25 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **8.00 Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★ **10.00 Heretic** (15, 2024) ★★★★ **12.00-1.45am Signal One** (15, 2026) ★★★

### SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

**10.50am Smallfoot** (PG, 2018) ★★★★ **12.30 The Boss Baby** (U, 2017) ★★★★ **2.10 Epic Tails** (U, 2022) ★★★ **4.00 Hotel Transylvania** (U, 2012) ★★★★ **5.35 Hotel Transylvania 2** (U, 2015) ★★★ **7.10 Hotel Transylvania 3: A Monster Vacation** (U, 2018) ★★★ **8.50 Trolls World Tour** (U, 2020) ★★★ **10.25 The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water** (U, 2015) ★★★★ **12.00-1.30am The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (U, 2002) ★★

### SKY CINEMA ACTION

**1.30pm Batman Forever** (12, 1995) ★★ **3.35 The Expendables 3** (15, 2014) ★★★★ **5.50 Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (12, 2008) ★★★★ **8.00 Spider-Man: No Way Home** (12, 2021) ★★★★ **10.30 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **12.05-1.55am The Expendables** (15, 2010) ★★★★

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**12.45pm Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs** (U, 2009) ★★★★ **2.35 The Story Of Robin Hood And His Merrie Men** (U, 1952) ★★★★ **4.15 The Straight Story** (U, 1999) ★★★★★ **6.30 Hidden Figures** (PG, 2016) ★★★★ **9.00 American Gangster Special 9.10 American Gangster** (18, 2007) ★★★★ **12.20-2.20am Honest Thief** (15, 2020) ★★★

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**1pm The Adventures Of Sir Lancelot 1.30 The Duchess Of Duke Street 2.35 Operation Diplomat** (U, 1953) ★★★ **3.55 Cinebox Memories 4.00 That's My Boy 4.35 Train Of Events** (PG, 1949) ★★★ **6.20 Strange But True 6.55 The Brothers 8.00 Mark Saber 8.30 The Wheeltappers And Shunters Social Club 9.20 Frankenstein And The Monster From Hell** (15, 1973) ★★★ **11.15 Albert RN** (PG, 1953) ★★★ **1.00-3.50am Twilight's Last Gleaming** (15, 1977) ★★★

### GREAT! MYSTERY freeview 50

**12.15pm In Plain Sight 2.00 Castle 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 Castle 8.00 Unforgettable 9.00 In Plain Sight 10.00 Mystery 101: Dead Talk** (PG, 2019) ★★★ **11.55pm-1.50am Family History Mysteries: Buried Past** (PG, 2023) ★★

### GREAT! ACTION freeview 42

**11am Johnson County War: Part 1** (12, 2002) ★★★ **1.00 The Unit 2.00 Burn Notice 4.00 Shadow Wolves** (15, 2019) ★★★ **6.00 The Unit 7.00 Burn Notice 9.00 American Siege** (15, 2021) ★★ **11.00 The Avengers 12.00-1am The Baron**

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# dear deidre

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# How can I trust cheating wife?

*Dear Deidre*

**I FORGAVE my wife after she had an affair but now she's betrayed me all over again.**

It turns out that while we were getting back together, she was still messaging the man who broke our marriage apart. I don't know where we go from here.

We're both in our late thirties, have been married for 12 years and have three children.

I thought we were happily married, so was devastated to discover that she'd been having a year-long affair.

We separated eight months ago. The first few months were very painful, with lots of arguments and tearful conversations but at least I was able to see the kids whenever I wanted to.

Then, last month, we went on a family holiday that had been booked and paid for before we split up.

We didn't want to upset the children by cancelling.

I expected it to be awkward and difficult, but something strange happened – we actually had an amazing time together. While we were there, it felt like old times. And when we got home, my wife said she wanted us to try again.

She told me that the holiday made her realise what she'd lost.

I was over the moon. We started seeing each other more and talking about everything.

We even slept together once, and it was amazing to feel close to her. The sex was as good as it was when we first met, intense and passionate.

Then I found out she'd been in contact with the man she'd cheated with while we were working on our relationship. He's the one who told me about it.

She'd even asked to meet him but he turned her down because he's now with someone else.

She has apologised repeatedly and said she didn't want anything to happen with him, but I can't stop thinking about it.

I love her, but how can I trust her after this?

**■ DEIDRE SAYS: Your wife broke your heart and then betrayed you a second time. Apologies aren't enough.**

**It's clear that you still love each other, but it takes a lot more than love to rebuild trust after an affair.**

**For a reconciliation to work, she needs to be completely honest with you and show she's committed to your marriage.**

**And you both need to work on whatever was making her unhappy enough to cheat so it doesn't happen again.**

**It would be a good idea to try couples counselling. My support pack, How Counselling Can Help, explains more.**

**dear deidre**

Scan this QR code to talk to trained counsellors, Mon-Thurs, 1pm-4pm. We're humans, not chatbots.

**LIVE Chat**

## TOO SCARED TO TELL HER I WANT TO TRANSITION

*Dear Deidre*

WHEN my girlfriend accused me of seeing another woman, she was half right. The truth is, I am that other woman.

I've realised I'm trans and want to transition. I'm 39 and my girlfriend is 37. She's convinced I've got a secret lover because I've become distant and spend a lot of time locked in the bathroom.

But I'm not talking to other women, as she believes. I'm watching transition videos and putting on women's clothes.

I've felt more like a woman than a man since I was a teenager, but I never had the guts to be myself until now.

My girlfriend and I have been together for five years and I love her but I don't know how to tell her the truth. I'm terrified that she'll reject me.

I don't want us to break up but I need to be fully myself. What should I do?

**■ DEIDRE SAYS: You're not cheating, but your secrecy is making your girlfriend feel very insecure.**

**It's not fair to let her continue believing there's another woman.**

**As hard as it is, you need to be honest with her about your identity because these feelings won't disappear.**

**I can't promise your relationship will survive but without honesty, you'll both continue to be unhappy.**

**Telling her allows her to support you – if not as a lover, then as a friend. And she may accept your decision and want to be with you regardless.**

**Before you speak to her, contact beaumontsociety.org (01582 412220) or switchboard.lgbt (08000 119 100).**

## I WISH MY EX WOULD LET ME MOVE ON

*Dear Deidre*

ONE minute, my ex is telling me our relationship is over, the next he's saying he still loves me and misses me.

I'm so confused and don't know what to do.

I'm 42 and he's 45. We split after he cheated on me with the woman he's now with, yet he won't let me go.

He messages regularly and I enjoy chatting to him.

But last night, when we were making each other laugh, he suddenly admitted he still has feelings for me.

He doesn't seem to want us to get back together, though.

He acts like he wants us to have a fling while staying with the woman he left me for.

I do still love him, but I don't want to be the other woman in a relationship.

**■ DEIDRE SAYS: He may be sending mixed messages, but his actions speak louder than words.**

**He misses the intimacy you shared, but he doesn't want to be in a committed relationship. Yet he doesn't want to let you go either.**

**What you describe is a classic push-pull dynamic. He rejects you, then pulls you back with loving words.**

**It's also called breadcrumbing – giving you just enough attention to keep you emotionally hooked.**

**The only way to break this cycle is to tell him it's over and you want no contact.**

**You deserve someone who wants to be with you full-time.**

**My support pack, called Addictive Love, should help you get past this.**

## stories deidre's photo casebook

JENNA'S IMPOSSIBLE SECRET: **DAY 4**

Clothes by Boohoo and BoohooMAN

CONTINUES TOMORROW

## hot topic

**NO relationship is perfect, and even happy couples can find themselves going through a difficult patch.**

**You might be arguing more than usual, feeling distant from each other or simply wondering where the closeness has gone.**

**It doesn't necessarily mean there's something fundamentally wrong, but it could be a sign that your relationship needs some attention.**

**If your relationship feels a bit off-track, my support pack, Relationship MOT, can help.**

*Dear Deidre*

## STILL RILED BY FLAKEY COUSIN

MY cousin ignored me when I needed her the most but now she expects me to be her best friend.

I feel bitter towards her and don't know how to let go of my feelings.

I'm 49 and she's 51. More than 20 years ago, I was really struggling with drink and drugs.

My aunt – her mum – took me in and asked my cousin to help me settle, but she always made me feel like an embarrassment.

She'd head off for nights out, knowing I couldn't afford to join her. I felt like a poor relation.

But then I turned my life around, found a good job, got married and had kids. Through all those milestones, she was barely around and after her mum died, we lost touch completely.

But she suddenly contacted me last year, asking to meet up because now she's the one with a drink problem and sad, miserable life.

She calls constantly and keeps asking to see me. When we meet up, I usually end up paying the bill while she complains about everything.

My husband says it's karma and I should now be the bigger person. I am trying, but every time she leans on me, I remember how lonely I felt when she turned her back on me. How do I get past this?

**■ DEIDRE SAYS: You're carrying years of hurt that you've never really addressed or got over.**

**Now your cousin needs you, those feelings have – unsurprisingly – risen to the surface.**

**Your partner is right that holding on to bitterness is unhealthy. But it isn't easy to brush away your feelings.**

**If this carries on, you're likely to say something you regret. You can be kind while also setting boundaries so take a step back and reduce contact to a level you can manage.**

**My support pack, Standing Up For Yourself, should help you to do this.**

## GET IN TOUCH

If you are worried about something, my team is here to help. Please contact and follow us.
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Fab DAILY

# TOO BIG FOR PLANE SEAT SO I LOST 9st ...THEN MY FAT FRIENDS DUMPED ME

Approaching 22st, mum Liz Trowbridge, 46, from Gloucester, knew she had to take drastic action

NOW 11st 13lb

GASTRIC MEASURES . . . Liz is a healthy size 12-14

Photography by DAVID CUMMINGS

**FACE red with shame, I stood as the air steward ordered: "Please move plane seats, you cannot sit in an emergency exit seat if you are wearing a seat belt extender."**

A lump formed in my throat as the 100 passengers on the flight to Cyprus in April 2022, including my daughter Mya, now 24, looked on.

When the steward asked the man in front of me to swap seats, his annoyed wife snapped: "Why does he need to swap seats with you?"

Humiliated, I replied weakly: "Because I'm too fat to sit there."

As I switched seats, I made a promise to myself there and then that I would finally do something about tipping the scales at 21st 7lb.

At 5ft 5in and with a BMI of over 40, I was classified as obese.

I had been overweight for around 20 years. When I was 26, my cherished dad, Dennis, who was in his sixties, died from leukaemia, and I turned to emotional eating.

To numb my grief, I would eat five Dairy Milk chocolate bars in one sitting as well as snack on crisps and pastries.

In just one year, I went from 11st and a size 12 to 21st 7lb and a size 22.

Since then, I have tried every diet under the sun, from Weight Watchers to the cabbage soup diet, but I'd lose a stone and put it back on.

## Chocolate fudge cake

I was embarrassed to be overweight particularly because I worked as a health care assistant at an NHS GP surgery. How could I offer patients weight-loss advice during routine health checks while overweight myself?

Not that my case was unusual; statistics show one in four NHS nurses is obese. According to research, long, stressful shifts can make it hard for staff to make healthy choices.

I relied on meals at TGI Fridays, tucking into cheesy nachos, followed by fried chicken, sides of chips and mash, and chocolate fudge cake with ice cream. I'd wash it all down with four "full-fat" cokes.

When my relationship with Mya's dad broke down in 2014, I took it in my stride and embraced single parenting.

I also developed a new side hustle in plus-size modelling after winning a free photoshoot – and a haul of dresses worth £1,000 – with clothing brand Scarlett and Jo.

Soon, I found myself in a TV commercial for Simply Be and I became an ambassador for online clothing store BloomChic, which sent me gorgeous clothes every month.

But a routine doctor's appointment in 2021 flagged that I was pre-diabetic and had high blood pressure. Coupled with the humiliating flight incident, I knew drastic action was needed, so I messaged a mate who had just had weight-loss surgery and asked for the lowdown.

She'd had a gastric sleeve – an op to remove approximately 80 per cent of her stomach – in a Turkish hospital and went from 28st to 12st.

I decided it would be my best option, as it would help with portion control, and weight-loss jabs weren't common at the time.

There was a three-year wait for surgery on the NHS, and a gastric sleeve in a private UK hospital could cost as much as £11,500.

In contrast, getting the op done privately in a hospital in Izmir, Turkey, would cost £2,600.

Better still, they could fit me in within months. I was aware of the risks of surgery abroad, but I had carefully read the clinic's reviews and ensured I was going somewhere safe. I also had the money in a rainy-day savings account, ready to go.

A couple of weeks later, I was given a phone consultation with a surgeon at the hospital, and it wasn't long before I was on a plane. A friend went with me, to provide moral support.

The enormity of surgery hit me when I landed in Turkey, but I pushed through as I was so excited for a healthy future.

The procedure took around two hours, and I was amazed to feel no intense pain afterwards,

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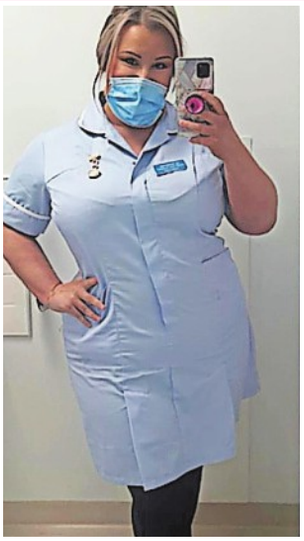
COMFORT EATER . . . Liz piled on weight after her father's death

THEN 21st 7lb

**'Plus-size pals deleted me from their social media. I felt like I'd been shunned at the school gates'**

# Fab DAILY

Edited by SARAH BARNS and JOEL COOPER



SELFIE HELP . . . nurse Liz knew she had to lose weight to help her patients

# I PICK SALAD OVER PUDS

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just slightly sick. I stayed in the hospital for four nights, which was included in the cost of my op, with a one-night hotel stay before my flight home.

For the first two weeks I was on a liquid-only diet, then I moved on to soft foods like scrambled eggs.

After that, I could eat small portions of anything, but I prioritised protein and lost a steady 3lb to 4lb per week.

Since the surgery, I've lost 9st 8lb and weigh 11st 13lb, taking me to a size 12 or 14.

Better still, I no longer have high blood pressure or pre-diabetes. My relationship with food has changed, too.

If I go for dinner with pals, instead of eating a heavy three-course meal and puds, I'm happy with a chicken salad.

There has been a medical side effect to the surgery, however. I now have Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency, which means my pancreas does not produce or release enough digestive enzymes that are needed to break down food.

## Feel like a fraud

Without these, my body cannot absorb nutrients, so I now have to take enzyme replacement therapy pills with food.

I was diagnosed after suffering from frequent upset stomachs and dizziness.

The condition is a recognised complication of weight-loss surgery, with one study finding around nine per cent of patients developed EPI.

But I feel so healthy and happy that regardless of this, I would do the op again.

Sadly, my plus-size modelling is now a thing of the past and some of the women I met on photoshoots and considered friends have deleted me from their social media.

At first, it felt like I was being shunned at the school gates, but maybe people in the plus-size community don't know where I fit in now. Now I see it as that chapter has closed. But, more importantly, my nursing job is so much easier now, as I can advise patients I care about without feeling like a fraud.

Mya is so proud of me and now we even swap clothes. And my family and friends have all been really positive.

I have recently started dating Scott, 46, who I've known since my school days.

This summer, I faced my fears and boarded a plane for the first time since my surgery, to go on a mini-break to Dublin with Scott.

I didn't need an extender, and I wasn't asked to move seats. It was a huge, happy milestone.

As told to **NIKKI WATKINS**

POSING . . . Liz as plus-size model

By FAY LEYFIELD

## ONE minute Charlotte Blandford Tagg was a normal mum, sharing stories of her children on TikTok.

The next, she was being bombarded with hateful comments, compared to tragic Madeleine McCann's parents and even told she should kill herself, so her kids could go to a better home.

*And all because the 29-year-old stay-at-home mum of two posted that she had let her five-year-old son go to the park alone.*

Now, some 1.2million views later, Charlotte insists she never neglects her children and that she is "not the Bonnie Blue of motherland".

But she is unrepentant about her decision to let her little one play unsupervised – and says she would let her son out to play without an adult again.

In her first interview, Charlotte, from Cambridgeshire, said: "The reaction is so bad that I do regret putting it on the internet.

"But do I regret letting him out to play on his own? No."

The backlash has been so severe that Charlotte has since lost her job as a content creator for a small art magazine.

But she is adamant she has done nothing wrong.

"I made the decision, stood here, looking seven metres to the park on a really quiet, still day.

"Did I think that that decision would cause a reaction with anybody in the real world? No. I don't think my neighbours would have looked at me and been like, 'What are you doing?'

### 'I just wish I'd included more context'

"I can't express enough how safe it felt in that moment.

"I've lived here for seven years. I know the neighbours, the kids. It's not a road that people pass by. I was watching, I took my eyes off for a second, he came back. I just wish I'd included more context, because it's not ideal."

In the clip, Charlotte told followers she was checking on him "every 30 seconds" and that her son was visible from her window.

She said it was the first time she had let him out on his own and that she was also keeping an eye on her younger son, four, who was inside the house.

The Sun has seen the distance from her house to the play area and can confirm it is across a road, but within clear sight of Charlotte's home.

In the post, Charlotte sounds hesitant about her decision to let her son play unaccompanied and asks: "Is that crazy? I wouldn't let my four-year-old go, because he is so not responsible."

But she adds that it isn't "a big deal" and that the lad returned after less than three minutes of being there alone because he was "probably bored".

She said: "I just hope he doesn't now think he can go without telling me.

"I'll have to be on guard today and, if he does do it, it'll be a learning thing."

Within moments of posting, the angry comments began flooding in.

**If I'd seen that video a few years ago, I'd have been like, 'What the f*** are you doing?'**

Charlotte was compared to Emilie Kiser, the US influencer whose three-year-old son, Trigg, drowned in their pool in 2025, and to Kate and Gerry McCann, whose daughter, Madeleine, vanished after being left alone in a holiday apartment in Portugal in 2007. Some of the comments were sinister – one troll told her: "You should kill yourself, then your kids can go to a better home."

Furious mums even threatened to report her to social services and the police.

While there is no fixed legal age in the UK at which a child can go out alone, parents can face legal consequences if leaving a child unsupervised puts them in danger. NSPCC guidance states that children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for long periods, while general welfare guidelines strongly advise against leaving under-11s unsupervised.

But Charlotte insists viewers didn't get the full picture and claims her son was far safer than he appeared in the footage.

### 'I did record the time all wrong'

She said: "I missed out things. I started recording even though he was still in the house.

"He was putting his shoes on – that takes a while.

"So I should have just said when I was clearing up all the slime that

Charlotte Blandford Tagg was branded a terrible mum because of one snap decision. Here, she reveals why she has no regrets . . .

RAGE BAIT MUM . . . Charlotte Blandford Tagg with her son

UNDER ATTACK . . . Charlotte's post drew fury . . . and 1.2 million views

BEACH BOYS . . . mum-of-two on a day out with the kids

# I GOT FIRED AND WAS VICIOUSLY TROLLED FOR LETTING MY SON, FIVE, PLAY ALONE IN A PARK

I was going to let him out in a minute. And I probably should have recorded myself watching him out of the window the whole time.

"Looking back, I did record the time all wrong. People probably saw me in the first five seconds looking super relaxed and really cool about it.

"And to be honest with you, if I'd seen that video a few years ago, I'd have been like, 'What the f*** are you doing?'"

While Charlotte, who was in the RAF for seven years working in logistics before leaving to start a family, admits she did try to rage-bait, she never expected the backlash to be quite so ferocious.

She first started posting in 2022, while eight months pregnant with her second child. Her husband had just left her for another woman. Like millions of others, she turned online for support, using social media as a place to share thoughts.

The more she started sharing her opinions, the bigger the reaction.

One video she posted garnered attention when she remarked she loved taking her dog for a walk before her kids woke up.

Viewers were outraged, assuming the children had been left on their own. But Charlotte had failed to mention her aunt was with them.

Things took a darker turn three weeks ago, after she posted about letting her son out on his own.

She says: "After I started getting the mumshaming comments, I just thought, 'F*** it, I'm going to rage-bait you. I almost get a dopamine rush when people assume so confidently that I'm a terrible mum. So I just rage-bait because I get paid for it. It is an easier way to make money online and therefore feed the kids and have a life."

But the latest video didn't end up being quite the money-spinner Charlotte had hoped for as she was forced to turn comments off, which affects pay.

## 'I don't want to be this controversial mum'

She says she made no more than £1,000 from it.

She also deleted a number of videos she posted afterwards amid fears for her safety, after followers pointed out she had identified where she lived.

And despite claiming not to care what others think of her posts, she says: "I don't like people to think I'm a really blasé mother.

"Ultimately, my image, my career and what I want to do with life, being a bad mother is not part of that. I'm not the Bonnie Blue of motherland.

"I don't want to be this really controversial, s**t mum – because who wants to get social services threatened on them?"

In the days that followed her post, Charlotte was hauled into meetings by the art magazine she was working for to discuss her online behaviour. She claims bosses compared her to an OnlyFans model and asked, "What will your children think of you?"

She says: "I was crying, because it just felt like the negative comments I had received had come to life."

Despite promising to moderate her online behaviour, Charlotte claims she was then let go with immediate effect.

As to whether she will continue making controversial videos, she says she has not yet decided how to move forward, but she has vowed to prioritise her children.

"I think the thing that matters is how you are in your home.

"And when people walk through your door, when your kids grow up, they've got great memories," she said.

"They might say, 'My mum was a bit crazy, but she had good intentions and she was kind. We had a great time growing up.'

"Those are the things that I think are important."

THE last Bank Holiday weekend before Crimbo. Don't spend it on the hard shoulder. Check tyres, fluids, route delays, and even your breakdown cover. Green Flag rescued 3,600 stranded motorists this weekend last year.

ACCORDING to DfT data, 160,000 drivers have benefited from the electric car grant in 13 months. Eighteen models are currently eligible for the maximum £3,750 discount and 46 get a £1,500 saving.

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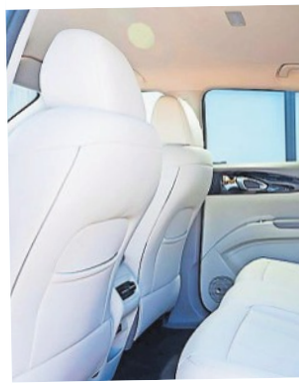

# Gee whiz

## IN-CAR KARAOKE & ARCADE

**LAST week we told you about a car with a pop-up cinema screen.**

This week we have a supermini with onboard karaoke and arcade games.

I know.

I've still got a box of mixtapes in my garage.

This is Geely EX2.

Lots of tech.

Lots of really useful storage.

Lots of pink blush.

Just don't add Cyndi Lauper's I Drove All Night to your playlist. Because it won't. It'll do 190-200 miles max.

But as a second car? Or a karaoke booth? You're Golden (Harry Styles).

OK, I'll stop now.

EX2 is a titchy 4.1 metres long, so it's easy to drive and park.

Acceleration and braking is smooth and nicely calibrated, so nothing surprises you.

Every car has Apple CarPlay, adaptive cruise control, a reversing camera and electric seats.

All you need, then?

**Key facts:**
GEELY EX2
Price: **£23,490**
Battery: **47kWh**
Power: **116hp**
0-62mph: **11.5 secs**
Top speed: **80mph**
Range: **214 miles**
Charging: **25 mins**
Out: **Now**

Almost. The speedo is badly positioned on the left of the driver's cluster – and obscured by your left hand on the tiller.

Duh. It needs to be double the size and centred, like in a Honda Jazz.

I'm sure that can be fixed with a software update.

Now for some more positives.

Big door pockets. Sliding-drawer glovebox. You can store a handbag under the centre console and hide two rucksacks under the rear seats.

Gangly teens will be happy in the back. There's plenty of room for their head and feet.

You can't say that about a Renault 5, as gorgeous as it is.

The boot is more than adequate at 375 litres – similar to a Golf – and there's a 70-litre frunk *(front trunk)* for storing charging cables and dirty wellies.

Proper little Tardis.

You can't do karaoke on the big central screen while driving, obviously. And my microphone is just a prop.

But you do get an impressive catalogue of hits "as performed by" on the Karafan app with backing singers and line-by-line lyrics.

The rally driving game is also fun while you are parked up recharging or waiting for someone.

How much is it?

From £239 a month for the £21k car with a 35kWh battery and 82hp rear motor. From £269 a month for the £23k car with a 47kWh battery and 116hp rear motor.

China In Your Hands (T'Pau).

Watch video on YouTube @sunmotorsUK

## KOR BLIMEY

THE Korean Range Rover? No, buddy. Better than that. More Bentley by the look of it. Let's run through the headlines:

- Heated wooden floors
- Pop-up cinema screen
- Four-seat "executive suite"
- Concert hall sound
- Fridge
- Coach doors
- Electric side steps to exit like a rock star

Genesis is the posh arm of Hyundai and GV90 is its poshest motor yet.

Smooth electric powertrain with air suspension, all-wheel steering and a 310-mile battery – and it rolls on 24in wheels.

Designer Luc Donckerwolke told me: "We wanted to make every journey more elegant and elevated."

Job done.

**Edited by ROB GILL**

F1 ace Max Verstappen will take on 100 drivers in the world's biggest go-kart race at Silverstone on September 16. He'll start at the back . . . and try to beat them all. Watch it live on Disney+.

HYUNDAI is going back into vans. Same size and range as the upcoming electric Staria MPV, *right*, just fewer windows and probably white. There's a new Tucson and baby SUV coming next year too.

# WHAT'S NEXT...

FOR those of you who don't know – or have forgotten – Geely owns Volvo, Polestar, Lotus, LEVC London taxis, half of Smart, and a bit of Aston Martin. It also makes planes and satellites. So it means business. EX2 is the baby for now, but look at all the other stuff in the pipeline, below . . .

MONJARO: A big plug-in hybrid SUV coming early next year. One letter out from the fat jab

GALAXY CRUISER: Defender-like 4x4 will be renamed before arriving as a plug-in hybrid in 2028

GALAXY TT: Electric saloon with 333hp (RWD) or 578hp (AWD) and rapid charging. Out next summer

HMMM. There appears to be a theme here. The Geely EX2, see big pic, has in-car arcade games. Leapmotor launched its £29k B05 by using it as a giant power bank to run retro arcade games.

HERE'S another boatload of cars from another Chinese brand you've never heard of. This one's called Lepas. Part of the Chery group. Lepas will have 60 UK dealers by Christmas and its first motor is a £35k plug-in hybrid called L8. Never too L8.

# MY FIRST CAR IS A PORSCHE

CARLSBERG don't do driving lessons, which is probably for the best given the drink-driving laws.

But if they did, I bet they'd hand you the keys to a Porsche 911.

Or how about a Bentley or a full-sized fire engine?

And they'd do it from the age of **NINE**.

Welcome to Young Driver, a family day out that offers real lessons for kids eight years before they can get a provisional licence.

The premise is simple.

An early start has been proven to cut the accident rate in the first few years of passing your test by 80 per cent.

All lessons take place with qualified instructors on specialist courses in dual-control cars.

As it's on private land, it's perfectly legal for youngsters to get behind the wheel.

You can start out in a shiny new Suzuki Swift to master the basics of steering and clutch control or book a drive in their exclusive collection.

My son and daughter, aged 12 and 14, opted for the shiny blue Porsche 911, and within minutes were confidently lapping a mini-town circuit with beaming smiles.

It's mindblowing to watch as a parent.

They had never sat in the driver's seat of a car before but here they were at the wheel of Stuttgart's finest.

While the main lessons cover children and young adults aged from nine upwards, younger siblings aged four to eight won't miss out as they can take Firefly electric motors for a spin.

You can book the Porsche, a Bentley Flying Spur, Mercedes SL500, classic cars including an Austin 7 and a Morris Minor, or take a fire engine for a spin.

There's a skills event where you progress to higher speeds. They hold sessions at more than 70 venues around the UK, host parties and offer driving-lesson bundles.

**SCHOOLED . . . young drivers**

Our venue was the British Motor Museum, next to Aston Martin's HQ and Jaguar Land Rover engineering centre.

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There's nothing more nerve-wracking than handing L-plates to your children.

It's a rite of passage fraught with worry and monster insurance bills.

But these early lessons can really give them a head start before they finally get on the open road – and that's priceless peace of mind.

Prices from £48 at youngdriver.com.

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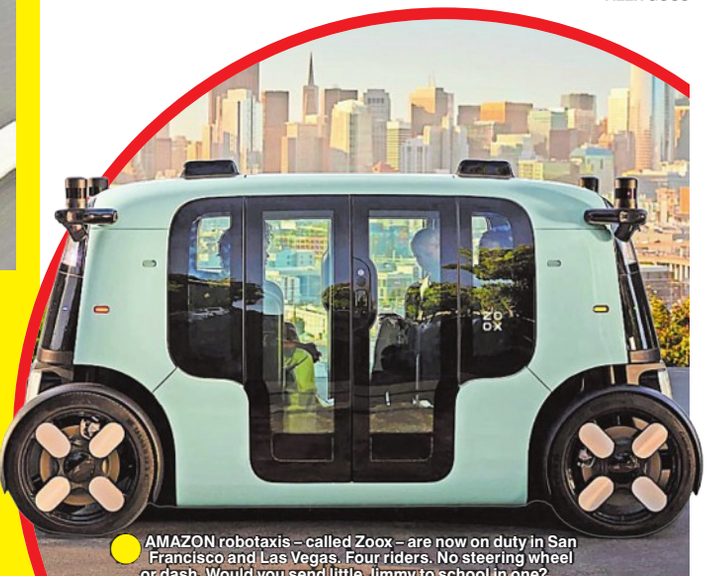

AMAZON robotaxis – called Zoox – are now on duty in San Francisco and Las Vegas. Four riders. No steering wheel or dash. Would you send little Jimmy to school in one?

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# "My hands were so stiff I couldn't even turn the key in my front door... until I discovered this gold gel"

After decades working with his hands, retired carpenter Phil Carter began struggling with stiffness in his fingers

Sitting with Phil Carter at his home in Lymington, it's hard to believe that just a few months ago the retired carpenter struggled to use his hands...

TODAY, he greeted me with a firm handshake and proudly showed me around his small workshop at the bottom of his garden, where he spends hours building wooden toys for his grandchildren. But not long ago, Phil feared those days were behind him.

## Fastening buttons became a struggle

"For more than forty years I worked with my hands," Phil explained. "I was a carpenter, so I was always sawing, hammering or sanding something. But last year after I retired, my fingers started getting stiff. At first, it was only in the mornings. But over time, it got worse and worse. In just a few months, it got so bad that even simple everyday tasks became frustrating, and doing any carpentry was out of the question.

Some mornings my fingers felt locked. The moment that really shocked me was one evening when I got home and couldn't even turn the key in my own front door. I stood there thinking...what's happening to me?"

## The doctor said it was part of ageing

Eventually, Phil decided to see his GP. "The doctor examined my hands and said it was most likely wear and tear in the joints," Phil said. "He explained it's something many people experience as they get older, and that it was all part of ageing. But what I wanted to know was how could I get my hands better again?. He just told me to take painkillers if I was in pain. But I didn't like the idea of relying on pills every day," Phil admits.

**If you suffer from painful hands, knees, hips or back, read Phil's story.**

## Glucosamine in a gel made sense

The turning point came unexpectedly. "I bumped into an old friend who highly recommended Glucosamine Gold Gel that he used it on his stiff knees. As soon as he texted me the order line number, I ordered a couple of tubes.

"I'd heard of glucosamine and I know a lot of people take it in tablet form to support their joints. When the package arrived just a couple of days later, I was eager to put it to the test, so started using it straight away. Thankfully, the tube was really easy to squeeze.

## I started to feel a difference

I massaged it into my fingers and knuckles every morning after showering, and again in the afternoon and just before bed. I didn't expect miracles, but after a couple of weeks, I started to feel a difference; my hands felt a bit looser and the stiffness didn't seem quite as bad." Encouraged, he continued using the gel daily.

## Then something surprising happened

"After about a month, the difference became very noticeable," Phil said. "I could fasten my shirt buttons and open jars again without struggling. And the moment that really made me feel on top of the world was being able to go back into my workshop."

For the first time in nearly a year, Phil picked up his tools and began working again on a wooden blanket box he had abandoned.

"That felt fantastic. I finally felt like myself again."

## It's made a real difference

Today Phil's back in his workshop again. "I honestly thought I'd never be able to do carpentry again. But this simple glucosamine gel has made a real difference for me. I dread to think how I'd be now if I hadn't heard about it."

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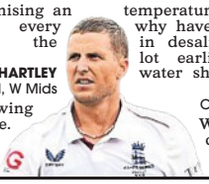
## The page where you tell Britain what you think

WHAT makes professional sportsmen like England bowler Brydon Carse, *pictured*, think it is OK to be involved in drunken altercations? These guys should never play for their countries again.

**STEVEN MACEY**
Lee-on-the-Solent, Hants

IS Andy Burnham promising an asylum seeker for every postcode, even in the wealthiest ones? Great.

**DAN HARTLEY**
Solihull, W Mids



OUR population is growing at an alarming rate. Something needs to be done to stop the UK becoming a concrete jungle with no green countryside.

**GEORGE WILKINSON**
Romford, Essex

I DON'T understand why, as an island nation, we are short of water – we're surrounded by it.

We have known for years that temperatures are rising. So why have we not invested in desalination plants a lot earlier to aid our water shortages?

**MARK JOHN**
Croydon, S London

WHAT chance have we got against Russia when all we've got in Government are trade unionists, charity workers and human rights lawyers? Gone are the Churchills and Thatchers.

**BOB MARSHALL**
Sheffield

I AM fuming at the prospect of Prince Harry, *pictured*, getting his security funded by taxpayers because he has moved back to the UK. The Sussexes have plenty of money if they can afford homes in the US, Portugal and now the Cotswolds.

**JOSEPH MURRAY**
Newcastle upon Tyne

# Dolly was a true legend

**£50 LETTER**

**DOLLY Parton was a true music icon, and a beautiful human being inside and out.**

She will be remembered for her many hit songs, her sparkling wit and enviable figure, but also for her good deeds.

She donated $1million towards the Covid vaccines and launched The Imagination Library, which donates books to kids around the world.

They sure don't make them like Dolly any more.

**STACEY LOWELL**
Dromara, Co Down

I WAS so sad to hear of the passing of Dolly Parton.

A sharp-witted, beautiful, funny woman, who rose from abject poverty to become one of the greatest musical icons of all time.

You will be sorely missed, Dolly. The whole world will always love you.

**JAMIE WILLIAMS**
Dunstable, Beds

ALAS, another legend has left us. Dolly Parton's music moved millions of people and while her self-deprecating humour was always present in her interviews, she showed she hadn't lost her working-class roots.

I hope she will be reunited with her beloved husband, Carl, in heaven. RIP Dolly.

**ALEX SAMS**
Kenton, Tyne & Wear

THE words, "There will never be another" are certainly true in Dolly Parton's case. She was the ultimate one-off.

**JANET SINGER**
Leeds

THE celebrity losses in 2026 have been hard, but none more so than Dolly Parton. She grew up in poverty and, through hard work, built a life anyone would envy.

FORCE OF NATURE . . . Dolly

Her music was a great cure for depression and will remain when we're all gone. Goodbye, Dolly.

**MATTHEW WILSON**
Wolverhampton

THERE are very few people who are never criticised, but Dolly Parton was one of them.

She went through life bringing joy to people all over the world.

Besides being a chart-topping singer with razor-sharp wit, she was also a considerable philanthropist, who helped children learn to read with her Imagination Library.

The world seems a little bit sadder today after Dolly's passing.

She was a force of nature whose legacy will live on forever.

**PADDY MAXWELL**
Southampton

THE world is a much darker place without Dolly Parton.

With her Tennessee accent and broad smile, she brought so much happiness into our households.

I was very fortunate to have met her at London's Broadcasting House many years ago – a memory I will always cherish.

**ROCKY WEBSTER**
Highbridge, Somerset

DOLLY PARTON was a true music legend with a kind soul and generous nature.

Our loss is heaven's gain. I like to think it will be holding its own Glastonbury with Dolly headlining, supported by Elvis Presley and other icons.

**GILLIAN GRIFFITHS**
Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts

THE Queen of Country, Dolly Parton, has passed over the rainbow – and what a legacy she leaves behind.

Dolly brought sunshine into so many lives, and the world was a richer place for her.

**SYD VAUGHAN**
Birmingham

I CAN'T believe the beautiful Dolly Parton has passed away.

Whenever I saw her on TV, she made me happy. And Islands In The Stream, her duet with Kenny Rogers, was my daughter's first dance at her wedding.

**SYLVIA MONK**
Hayling Island, Hants

I WAS so very sad to hear of the passing of country music legend Dolly Parton.

She used to joke, "It costs a lot of money to look this cheap", but there was nothing cheap about Dolly. She was a diamond that can never be replaced.

**DIANE SILVA**
Bournemouth

I WAS gutted to hear about the death of Dolly Parton. Who could resist tapping their feet along to the likes of 9 To 5 and Jolene?

The way she channelled her success into philanthropy made her impact far bigger than entertainment alone. RIP Dolly.

**LESLEY EVANS**
Walsall, West Mids

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# Mystic Meg

with MAGGIE HYDE

**ARIES** March 21 – April 20

Try not to let your mind run away with you today. Use any tips or tricks up your sleeve to calm anxiety about a difficult situation. What will help is dealing with the facts and having a conversation that confirms where you stand. Friends are there for you, but it may be up to you to reach out and make the first move.

**TAURUS** April 21 – May 21

You may have a busy day ahead, but it could be hard to stay focused, especially if you're looking forward to what's happening later on, perhaps a hot date or a treat with your kids. Whatever your personal situation, prioritise pleasure this evening. People matter more than material things and today's events confirm this.

**GEMINI** May 22 – June 21

Are you one of life's avoiders? It may be tempting to allow yourself to be distracted and not deal with a work crisis or uncertainty around your next steps. Find someone you trust to talk to. Be honest with yourself and others, and know the value of family and loved ones who have got your back.

**CANCER** June 22 – July 22

Community matters and you're required to find your place within your neighbourhood. Whether you're a caring shoulder to lean on or fighting for better local conditions, do your bit. New ideas come quickly during a talk with a relative this evening. Be less of a homebody and engage more actively with the world.

**LEO** July 23 – August 23

Money matters are under the cosmic spotlight. This is a positive time to balance the books and get on top of finances. Later on, a conversation about cash could be a revelation. When it comes to love, if someone is keeping their distance, be patient. A more romantic mood kicks in from this evening onwards.

**VIRGO** August 24 – September 22

You've got the Midas touch today and what you say could be magical for someone close. Speak from the heart. The golden hour is 6pm so line up an important conversation. Putting yourself first and looking after number one isn't selfish. So ask for what you need and prioritise your health and well-being.

**LIBRA** September 23 – October 23

Get things in order today, even if some tasks are time-consuming. Be productive, do research or fill out application forms. Consider whether you need to take some time out for yourself, especially if you've been busy of late. If you're worried about your work or health, being meditative could help still any anxiety.

**SCORPIO** October 24 – November 22

It can be frustrating when a home or family issue never gets properly resolved or your neighbours are driving you mad on a daily basis. The ideal antidote to any domestic stress today is organising a get-together with your best mate this evening. Be around the person in your life you can talk to on a meaningful level.

**SAGITTARIUS** November 23 – December 21

Good news could open the door to a new job or different career path. Talk about what you want to achieve in your life and allow the universe to hear your voice. Line up a meeting or interview later on or send your CV to a new contact. Not everyone will agree with your decisions but don't let that stop you.

**CAPRICORN** December 22 – January 20

You may not want to be working nine to five or you may be feeling trapped in your situation. Don't overreact, but consider how you can take a step towards more freedom. Sign up to challenge that takes you out of your comfort zone or spend the evening looking through travel brochures and conjuring up your ideal trip.

**AQUARIUS** January 21 –February 18

It's all about you today with the Moon in your star sign. Perhaps you're obsessing about your image or you can't let go of a slight. Shift your gaze away from yourself and ensure you don't miss out on a significant talk about money. Someone younger could open the door to a new way of boosting your cash flow.

**PISCES** February 19 – March 20

Putting off a conversation isn't the answer. Even if you're nervous to find out what someone thinks or wants, it's better to be in the know so you can make a clear decision. Best-case scenario is a proposal or declaration of love. Single? Write down a wish-list of your ideal partner under the Full Moon.

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## TRIPLE SunDOKU

### EASY

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### TEASER

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### TOUGHIE

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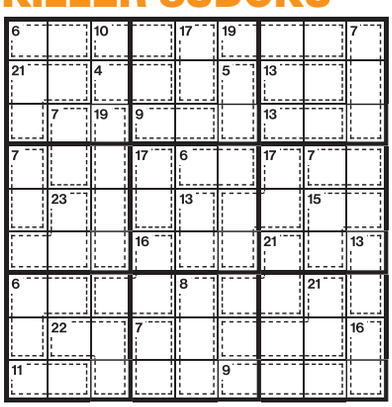
## KILLER SUDOKU



The normal rules of sudoku apply. In addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dashes) must add up to the number in the top corner of that shape. No digit can be repeated within an inner shape. Solution on right.

## TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

**Two sets of clues but the answers are the same**

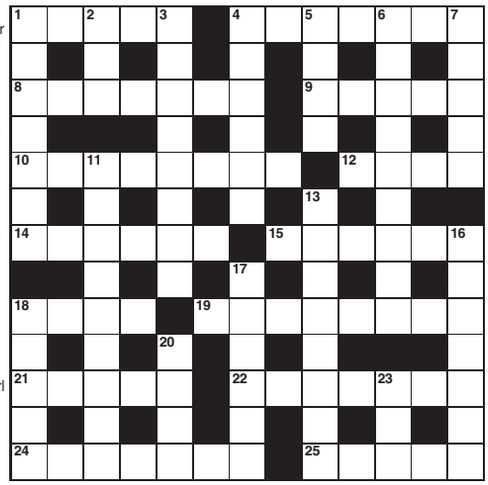
### Cryptic

**ACROSS**

1 50 in notes perhaps leads to confrontation (5)
4 Brief school play (7)
8 Viscous material affected upper-class chaps (7)
9 Father with a tabloid? (5)
10 Part of our defence mechanism in bin today, surprisingly (8)
12 Friends and acquaintances tackle Henry (4)
14 Appallingly, get ale for youngster (6)
15 Prohibit three bits of terrible repartee (6)
18 Twisted strands of my anecdotes, essentially (4)
19 Shallow Harry needs kip (4-4)
21 Sneak in PR by member of parliament (5)
22 The limb is damaged, but the finger protected by this (7)
24 Feeling embarrassment about a fake education (7)
25 Get rid of some camera settings (5)

**DOWN**

1 Oddly, cygnet eating four Swedes and brassica (7)
2 Six-footer content to fantasise (3)
3 Jew inviting in old male for drink (4-4)
4 Country is able to notice America (6)
5 Clean bottom of bottle and brood (4)
6 Primate meeting Pope, ultimately about critical moment for The Chosen One (9)
7 Set light to church next to hill (5)
11 Got hermit drunk in plane (5,4)
13 German agreed, and I caught bit of egregious condition (8)
16 Salesperson allowed Earl to be charged in full? (7)
17 Chased by bird, ultimately, fish travelled over ice (6)
18 Hot drink excited personal assistant following cold (5)
20 Downcast, mug up about Luxembourg (4)
23 Snake found in baobab, oddly (3)



**Solutions tomorrow**
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### Coffee Time

**ACROSS**

1 (Of colours) not match (5)
4 Tightly grouped (7)
8 Tar-like substance (7)
9 Material for writing on (5)
10 Protein produced in the blood as defence from invaders (8)
12 The people one knows (4)
14 Young bird of prey (6)
15 Teasing (6)
18 Thick string (4)
19 Superficial (4-4)
21 Move stealthily (5)
22 Protection from a needle when sewing (7)
24 Embarrassed (7)
25 Rub out (5)

**DOWN**

1 Vegetable of the Cruciferae family (7)
2 Dec's partner (3)
3 Self-made booze (4-4)
4 Country that's home to over half the world's lakes (6)
5 Move listlessly (4)
6 Person selected for a job (9)
7 Portable electric lamp (5)
11 Colourful flying insect (5,4)
13 Prejudice (8)
16 Satiated (7)
17 Travelled on ice with a bladed shoe (6)
18 Drink of tea (5)
20 Sullen (4)
23 Neckwear made of feathers, perhaps (3)

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## WORDSEARCH

Find seven words associated with blood. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally.

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| I | N | A | N | I | E | V |
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| M | R | T | I | O | E | N |
| S | O | E | Y | S | L | A |
| A | R | R | T | P | I | C |
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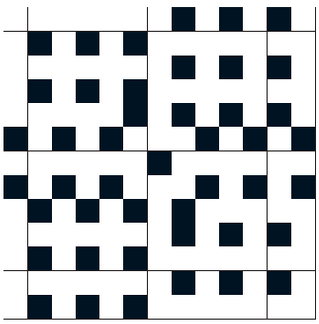
## KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid. Solution below right.



**3 letters**
Owe
Rue
Tor
Two

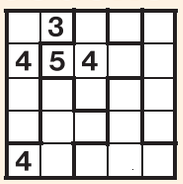
**4 letters**
Ante
Snap
Trot
Weed

**5 letters**
Agape
Awash
Caulk
Earth
Frisk
Gamma
Llama
Outre
Pesto
Pivot
Rumba
Salsa
Treat
Umber

**6 letters**
Gelato
Unwrap
Winery
Yarrow

**7 letters**
Admirer
Aircrew
Amalgam
Larceny
Mascara
Pottage
Relapse
Rivulet

## SUGURU®



Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below right.

## THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify an engineer:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 2 & 3 | Syd, former Pink Floyd member who shined on like a crazy diamond (second and third letters of name) |
| 6 | Sven-Goran, who managed the England football team from 2001 to 2006 |
| 4 | Rapper, real name Chris Bridges, and star of the Fast & Furious series |
| 8 & 7 | George, whose only outing as James Bond was in On Her Majesty's Secret Service (third and fifth letters of name) |
| 1 & 5 | She played Vicki Vale in the 1989 film Batman and Lynn Bracken in L.A. Confidential |

**Yesterday: Actor PAUL HOGAN (Nico O'Reilly, Ainsley Harriott, George Lucas, Adriana (Lima), Petula (Clark)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.**

Can't wait until tomorrow for the answers? Call **0901 293 6298**
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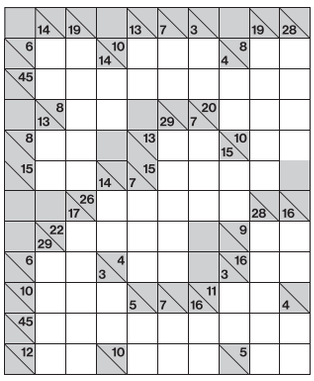
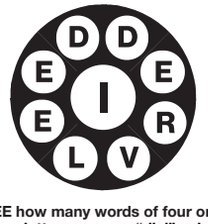
## KAKURO



Fill the grid so that each block adds up to the total in the box above or to the left of it. You can only use the digits 1-9 and you must not use the same digit twice in a block. The same digit may occur more than once in a row or column. Solution below right.

## SUNDIAL

Brilliant: 41. Excellent: 35. Good: 25. Great kids' score: 20.




SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

**YESTERDAY:** Awed, cawed, coward, cowed, cower, cowrie, craw, crew, crow, crowd, crowdie, crowed, draw, drew, owed, rowed, wade, wader, wadi, ward, ware, wear, weir, weird, weirdo, wide, wider, wire, wired, woad, word, wore, COWARDICE.

Check today's answers by calling **0905 757 0155** before midnight. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

## 30-SECOND NUMBERCRUNCH

Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't use a calculator – that would be cheating! Write your answer at the end. Aim to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck! Answers on the right.

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| EASY **47** | +241 | ÷8 | -27 | ×5 | ÷3 | +246 | ÷9 | +253 | Half of it | ANSWER |
| MEDIUM **137** | +305 | Half of it | -104 | 2/3 of it | -69 | ×10 | +183 | Third of it | +300 | ANSWER |
| HARDER **655** | +3/5 of it | ÷2 | -315 | ÷11 | +1061 | ÷20 | -48 | 700% of it | +1203 | ANSWER |

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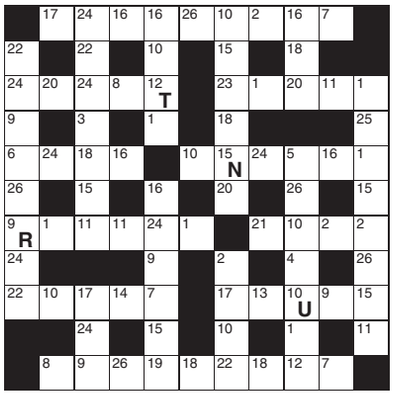
## WORD WORKOUT



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 R | 10 U | 11 | 12 T | 13 |
| 14 | 15 N | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |

**The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 4 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 4. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.**

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**

**ACROSS:** Used, Busk, Eye, Debrief, Outset, Apex, Oily, Jacket, Squeaky, Two, Shoe, Stye.
**DOWN:** Slept, Dodge, Baby, Skimp, Venomous, Fixation, Sky, Arc, Laugh, Abyss, Kitty, Haze.

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## MISSING LINK

**Fit ten words into the grid so each connects with the words on either side, eg wishing – well – done. The letters in the shaded squares spell out a fruit. Solution below.**

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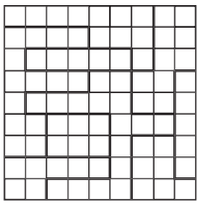
| BREAKING | | BULLETIN |
| BANK | | SHARK |
| SWEET | | RADIO |
| SAFETY | | OUT |
| CASH | | TOP |
| FAN | | VAN |
| KODIAK | | PIT |
| OTHER | | MAST |
| PASSIVE | | MODEL |
| STAR | | BACK |

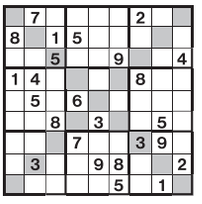
## STARS

**Put two stars in each row, column and region. Star cells can't touch, even diagonally. Solution below.**



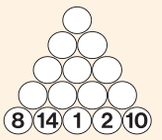
## X FACTOR

**Normal sudoku rules... but the two main diagonals must also contain the numbers 1-9. Solution below.**



## ADD UP

**If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number? Solution below.**

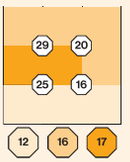



## BRAINBUSTER

**Using these four clues, find four answers that all rhyme with each other.**

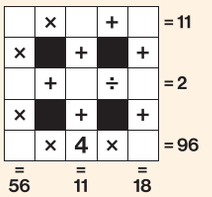
**Room, contest, 5pm quiz show, Gareth Hale's comedy partner**

## SAKURO




**Enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each octagon is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals at the bottom. Solution below.**

## SET SQUARE




**Place digits 1-9 to make the sums work. Each digit can be used only once. Solution below.**

### Yesterday's solutions

**Easy**

| | | | | | | | | |
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| 2 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| 9 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 |
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**Two-speed crossword**

**ACROSS:** 1 Boat, 4 Ruthless, 8 Herald, 9 R-em-ain, 10 C-a-ut-ious, 12 Reed (read), 13 Debris, 15 Of-fish, 17 Loss, 19 Androgen, 21 O-i-lrig, 22 Go-it-re, 23 Verbatim, 24 T(i)urf.

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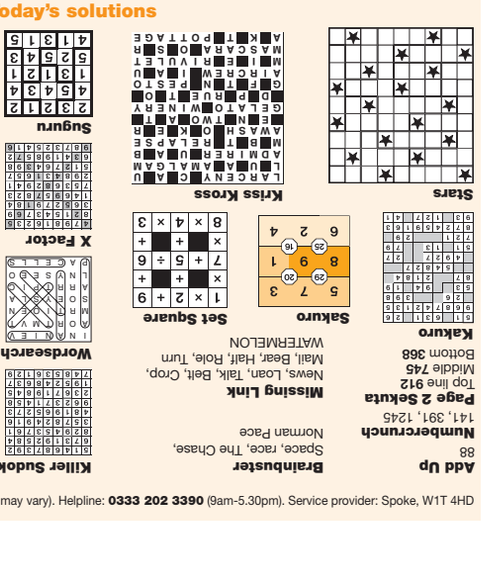


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WATERMELON

**Brainbuster**
Space, race, The Chase, Norman Pace

# SAVER TAX HIT

MILLIONS more savers will have to pay tax on their nest eggs from next year, savings app **SPRING** has warned.

The number facing a savings interest bill is set to hit 4.51million, up from 1.22million in 2022/23. Basic rate taxpayers can earn up to £1,000 interest outside an ISA tax-free — equivalent to a £20,000 nest egg at 5%. But inflation, higher interest rates and frozen tax thresholds will push millions past that.

# HEALTHY FIRM

A HEALTH brand backed by Coleen Rooney has increased its expected earnings for this year after seeing a surge in sales.

**APPLIED NUTRITION** said it now expects annual underlying earnings of £43.3million for the year to July 31. That is a 40 per cent jump from last year, and an increase on its previous estimate of £42million.

It comes after sales soared to £160million, up from £107million the previous year.

## Sun money daily

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# GOOD DAY SUNSHINE

## Solar panels in shops today

**By BLATHNAID CORLESS**

**PLUG-IN solar panels which can knock up to £110 a year from energy bills are in high street shops for the first time from today.**

Households will be able to buy the gadgets after the Government changed the rules which previously banned them.

The panels, which can be hung on balconies or fences and plugged directly into sockets, can slash energy bills by reducing the amount of electricity you draw from the grid.

They are mainly aimed at helping renters and leaseholders who live in flats, and homes which cannot install rooftop solar panels.

**ARGOS** will be the first to start selling the devices from today, and other major retailers including **AMAZON**, **CURRYS**, **B&Q**, **SCREWFIX** and **WICKES** are expected to follow. Prices are not yet confirmed, but ministers expect them to go down to around £400-£600 as the units become more widespread.

Households can recoup this cost over a few years, with savings of up to £110 annually on bills, the Department for Energy and Net Zero said.

Each kit produces up to 800W of power, which is enough to provide about 20 per cent of an average home's electricity use when the sun is shining, according to officials.

It comes after it was announced on Wednesday that energy bills are set to rise to a three-year high from October under regulator Ofgem's price cap.

**£110** Amount panels can cut yearly bills

Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh said: "Plug-in solar is a simple, affordable way for households to take control of their energy bills. We're giving more families the ability to power their homes with clean home-grown energy."

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| Shell* | 3372 | - | 14 ½ |
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| WH Smith | 420¾ | + | 5 ¾ |

* = ex dividend

# GATWICK FLIERS NOSEDIVE

**GATWICK Airport's profits fell 18 per cent in this year's first six months after passenger numbers fell a "significant" 4.7 per cent on 2025's first half to 19.1million.**

**Bosses blamed the Middle East conflict and said long-haul travel was hardest hit, with traveller numbers down 9.2 per cent compared to 3.9 per cent for short-haul. Pre-tax profits fell from £166.2million to £136.5million in the period.**

**The group said passengers were booking late because of the conflict and were concerned over its effect on fuel supply, although there had been no shortages.**

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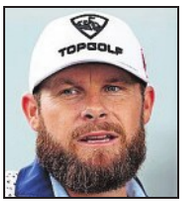

HATTON . . . funding

# LIV is still alive, says Hatton

By NEIL McLEMAN

**TYRRELL HATTON insists LIV Golf will live on in 2027 — even without the Saudi cash.**

**This week's Team Championship was cancelled after the Public Investment Fund pulled their $5billion investment.**

**World No 23 Hatton will play in the first qualifying event for next year's Ryder Cup — the British Masters at The Belfry, which starts today.**

**Europe skipper Luke Donald has urged him and Jon Rahm to commit to the DP World Tour to secure their spots at Adare Manor next September.**

**But Hatton, who signed a five-year $50milion deal with LIV in January 2024, said: "I'd expect there to be LIV Golf next season.**

**"I know they've worked really hard to get funding in place and it is full steam ahead on that front."**

**Donald said: "Having six picks gives me flexibility.**

**"If Jon or Tyrrell do come back, it gives them more opportunities to earn points and fill out those top six. That's good."**

**Hatton now plans to play on the DP World Tour for the rest of the season.**

**The Englishman, 34, was among stars given permission to play in conflicting tournaments on the LIV Golf circuit this season — but that deal is now off.**

**Sport**

*MATTHEW BRENNAN has two La Vuelta stage wins five days into his Grand Tour debut.*

*The Brit cyclist, 21, beat Jordi Meeus in a sprint finish in Roquetes. Tadej Pogacar still has the overall lead.*

**SHORT**

# Ron with the wind

By ROB MAUL

**RONNIE O'SULLIVAN is stinking out the place at the Wuhan Open – but not on the snooker table.**

**The Rocket is struggling with gas due to the exotic food in China.**

**O'Sullivan, 50, was recently joined by his wife, TV actress Laila Rouass.**

**And on their new Instagram account there is footage of the seven-time world champion FARTING repeatedly.**

**He broke wind as he walked away from a match — with Shaun Murphy caught up in the tailwind.**

**Rouass posted: "Poor Shaun Murphy, getting a taste of last night's sweet potato."**

**O'Sullivan's 5-2 win over Stephen Maguire set up a quarter-final clash with Mark Selby today.**

# CRICKET ENG v PAKISTAN

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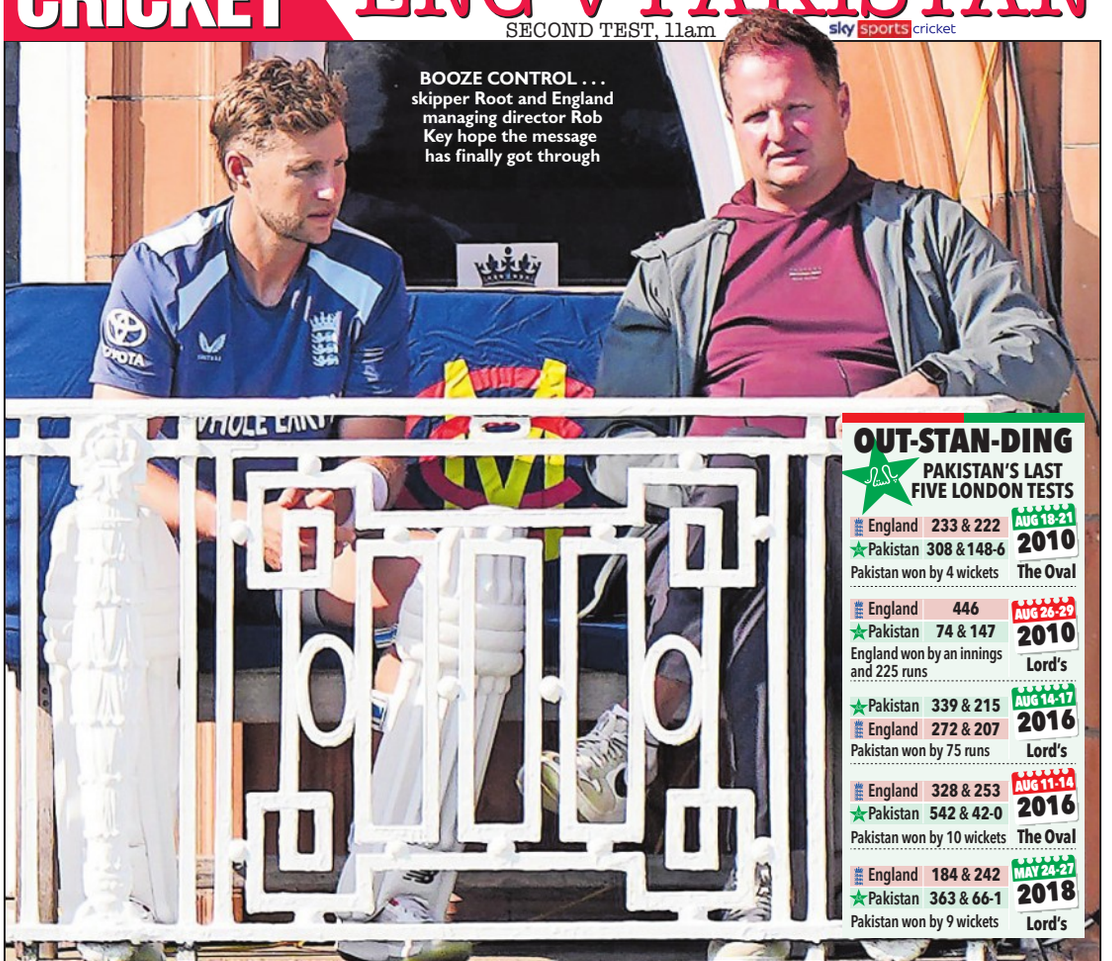

BOOZE CONTROL . . . skipper Root and England managing director Rob Key hope the message has finally got through

**OUT-STAN-DING**

**PAKISTAN'S LAST FIVE LONDON TESTS**

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| England 233 & 222 | AUG 18-21 2010 | | |
| Pakistan 308 & 148-6 | | | |
| Pakistan won by 4 wickets | The Oval | | |
| England 446 | AUG 26-29 2010 | | |
| Pakistan 74 & 147 | | | |
| England won by an innings and 225 runs | Lord's | | |
| Pakistan 339 & 215 | AUG 14-17 2016 | | |
| England 272 & 207 | | | |
| Pakistan won by 75 runs | Lord's | | |
| England 328 & 253 | AUG 11-14 2016 | | |
| Pakistan 542 & 42-0 | | | |
| Pakistan won by 10 wickets | The Oval | | |
| England 184 & 242 | MAY 24-27 2018 | | |
| Pakistan 363 & 66-1 | | | |
| Pakistan won by 9 wickets | Lord's | | |

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

# Tongue lashing

## JOSH: ROOT ROLLICKED US

**JOE ROOT'S hairdryer treatment will ensure England players finally lay off the booze and behave like pros, according to Josh Tongue.**

The fast bowler witnessed what Root called a "very strong discussion".

And Tongue believes the penny has dropped and the cricketers will avoid further alcohol-related dramas.

On the eve of today's Second Test against Pakistan at Lord's, the pace ace, 28, revealed: "Joe said it straight.

"It was a very good conversation. He made it clear what he expects from us.

"It was a chat that was needed – a very good chat by Rooty.

"He was very clear on what it's like to be an England cricketer.

"We're privileged to put on that shirt and want to show kids how good it is to play for England in front of thousands of people. We have got to make sure we're the best professionals we can be.

"The message has landed – 100 per cent.

"What's happened is in the past and we need to move on from that. That starts here tomorrow."

Captain Root, 35, called a meeting before England's training session at Lord's on Tuesday to lay down the law about the behaviour he expects from his team.

It followed Brydon Carse being handcuffed and briefly arrested outside a Derby nightspot at 4am on Sunday on suspicion of being drunk and disorderly.

Durham bowler Carse, 31, became the latest in a long list of England players involved in off-field scandals during the past ten months.

Ben Stokes resigned as captain and quit international cricket earlier this year less than three weeks after he and Gus Atkinson were dropped for breaking a midnight curfew.

And Tongue himself was with Harry Brook when the white-ball captain was thumped by a bouncer the night before a one-day international in New Zealand last winter.

Brook lied about Tongue's presence in an attempt to protect him – even though the Notts bowler was not playing the next day. Tongue *(left)* admitted: "I've tried to move on from that situation and focus on cricket."

He has been as good as his word with his pace and searing yorkers making him one of England's most destructive bowlers, especially against the tail.

Tongue forms part of an impressive quartet with Jofra Archer, Ollie Robinson and Atkinson, who routed Pakistan in just 85.4 overs over the two innings of the First Test at Headingley.

It will be a big surprise if England do not win again at the Home of Cricket.

Tongue said: "It's been quite crazy. I made my debut in 2023 with Stokesy and Baz McCullum in charge but quite a bit has changed since then.

"Things have happened off the field but I've been trying to forget about that and put England in the best position to win games."

June's Lord's Test with the Kiwis was completed in just 165 overs with the ICC marking the pitch "unsatisfactory", handing the ground a demerit point.

MCC director of cricket operations Rob Lynch calls the strip "the most scrutinised 22 yards of turf in world sport".

Officials are confident the surface will be better this time but there will be anxiety when the first ball is delivered.

Pakistan captain **BABAR AZAM** has declared himself "90 per cent fit" as he returns today.

Babar, 31, missed last week's heavy defeat at Headingley with a finger injury after being hit on the glove by England Under-19 prospect Manny Lumsden during a warm-up match in Beckenham.

HUNTER BELL . . . fast

# Hunter's not mane attraction

By ROB MAUL

**GEORGIA HUNTER BELL enters the Lion's Den tonight to challenge superstar Audrey Werro admitting: We could see a world-record attempt.**

**The women's 800 metres is one of the most exciting athletics events.**

**Swiss Werro, 22, the new European champ and third-fastest woman ever, roars like a lion whenever she's successful.**

**Many expect her to beat the 1983 world best of 1min 53.28sec set by Jarmila Kratochvilova.**

**Her personal best, set this summer, is 1:53.80.**

**Keely Hodgkinson and Lilian Odira are out of the Zurich Diamond League meeting. But Hunter Bell, 32, and Femke Broeders-Bol are set to run tonight.**

**Hunter Bell, 32, said: "I'd imagine it will be set up for Audrey — it's in her homeland.**

**"So I anticipate that she'll decide the pace and it'll probably be another world-record attempt."**

# Win it for Sir Billy

**LUKE THOMPSON knows Wigan's Super League clash with Hull KR tonight will be filled with emotion.**

**Tributes are still pouring in for Warriors legend Sir Billy Boston, who died on Monday aged 92.**

**And prop Thompson, 31, said: "Billy Boston is an icon of the club.**

**"Hopefully we can put a performance in for him and his family and make them proud. As a player, you can always feed off it.**

**"Billy was before my time, but as a Wigan lad I heard all about him — and I spoke to him once or twice.**

**"He had that aura – it was Billy Boston!"**

# Littler's a bit short

**LUKE LITTLER is in serious danger of not defending his Players Championship Finals crown.**

**The Nuke lost 7-4 in the semi-finals to Brendan Dolan at Wednesday's Pro Tour Event 28 in Leicester.**

**The £6,500 prize money boosted his 2026 tally to £10,500 after Tuesday's £4,000 last-eight haul.**

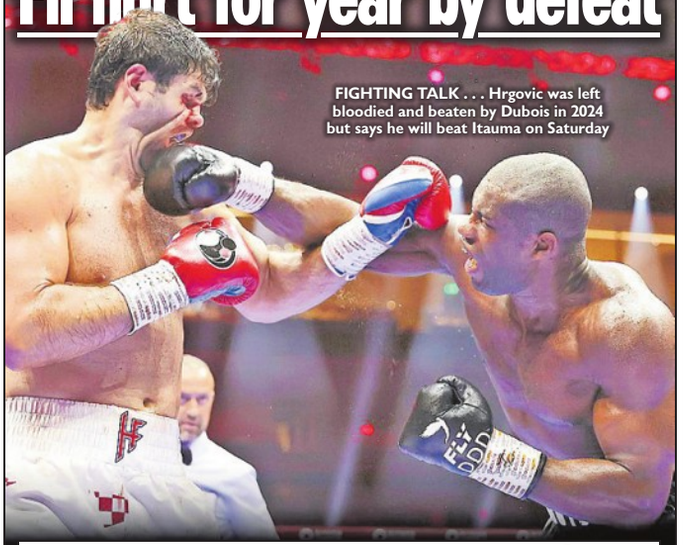
**Littler, 19, is still £16,750 shy of Shane McGuirk, who holds 64th spot on £27,250 — the cut-off for November's darts finals at Minehead.**

**Each ProTour day win is worth £15,000 but only six remain. He is likely to target the last two in Leicester on November 4-5.**

BOXING ITAUMA v HRGOVIC TWO DAYS TO GO

# DAN IN DUMPS

## Fil hurt for year by defeat



FIGHTING TALK . . . Hrgovic was left bloodied and beaten by Dubois in 2024 but says he will beat Itauma on Saturday

**FILIP HRGOVIC needed a year to recover from the mental and physical damage of his defeat by Daniel Dubois.**

By JACK FIGG

The Croat lost in eight rounds to Brit Dubois in June 2024 but has since bounced back with three wins against English rivals.

And on Saturday he fights for the vacant IBF world heavyweight title against Moses Itauma, who is perhaps Britain's most frightening fighter of the lot.

Although Hrgovic has labelled Itauma's approach 'bulls**t'.

Hrgovic, 34, is still haunted by the sole loss in his 21-bout career – claiming he was under the weather.

The Dubois fight two years ago in Saudi Arabia was stopped on doctors' advice after he suffered severe cuts over both eyes.

Hrgovic said: "It was hard for me. I needed like one year to recover.

"It was a big shock. I didn't box well because of the different circumstances.

"I was injured and ill and not focused.

"I underestimated him and wasn't boxing well.

"And I was cut since round one. So what could happen, bad, it happened.

"Injury, illness, distractions. I would like to have a rematch."

British veteran Derek Chisora was ringside that night in Riyadh and revealed he consoled a heartbroken Hrgovic backstage.

Chisora, 42, said: "I sat with him in the dressing room when he was doing his eyes, his stitches.

"And he goes, 'I moved to Florida, I bought a big house and I lost this fight. This pushed me back down at the bottom now. But I have to work harder to come back'.

"Two years later he's back, he's got a new trainer, new team, so we'll find out."

Hrgovic arrives at London's O2 Arena on the back of wins over Joe Joyce and David Adeleye last year and a brutal three-round victory over Dave Allen in Doncaster in May *(inset)*, after the hometown hero's corner threw in the towel.

And the 6ft 6in Eastern European plans to prove the Dubois defeat was a fluke by taking it out on our most promising prospect – and has already **APOLOGISED** for it.

Hrgovic added: "I was sick. Then I recovered a bit that fight week.

"I was drinking ten medications a day just to get a bit of energy.

"After six rounds, I was dead. Not because of his punches but I was just without conditioning.

"Also, I had two huge cuts. It was destiny.

"Now, I'm sorry but I will need to beat your next big hope."

Hrgovic made his pro debut in September 2017, when Itauma was aged 12.

The 6ft 4½in Itauma debuted at 18 just three years ago and quickly drew comparisons with Mike Tyson in his prime.

Hrgovic has goaded the Brit, suggesting he has had everything handed to him during his 14-0 record – which includes 12 KOs.

And he mocked the 21-year-old for his new-school approach – including drinking too much water.

Hrgovic said: "Everything that you want to achieve, it must be hard.

"I don't know the easy way. I just know the way of fighting back.

"Moses is like a modern fighter. Lifting weights, drinking water.

"Probably in the morning he was like, 'Say hello to the sun', breathe ten times in and out, drink water.

"Then shower with cold water. Then go kiss the tree. He's, you know, bulls**t. I'm the real deal."

# Noble Art of War

**MOSES ITAUMA is studying the 2,500-year-old Art of War as he heads into battle with Filip Hrgovic.**

EXCLUSIVE by JACK FIGG

Itauma's first world title fight is on Saturday at London's O2 Arena against 34-year-old Croat Hrgovic.

It is remarkable for a young man only 14 bouts and three years into his pro career.

But his brother Karol, 24, revealed that his sibling is no normal 21-year-old.

Part of Itauma's maturity is down to his love of books with Chinese military general Sun Tzu, who died in 496BC, shaping his mental warfare.

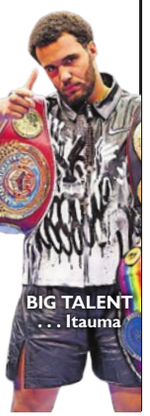
Karol said: "He only got into proper reading recently – like how the mind works, so The Art of War, stuff like that."

Chatham sensation Itauma has boxed a total of just 31 rounds in his career – never going past the sixth.

But he has always fancied facing Hrgovic, with his big brother agreeing the time is right to challenge for world titles in the noble art.

Karol added: "He wanted Hrgovic before Franklin. So he's been on the team's radar.

"This is the next step up. I'm confident in him, and by the grace of God, it's going to be a spectacular performance."



BIG TALENT . . . Itauma

# Williams are back

By ROB MAUL

**SERENA WILLIAMS will partner sister Venus at next week's US Open for the first time since 2022.**

**The Williams pair – with a combined age of 90 – have been given a wild card spot for the women's doubles in New York.**

**Mum-of-two Serena, 44, could also get an invitation into the singles.**

**She is back on court four years after retiring and reached the mixed doubles quarter-finals with Carlos Alcaraz on Tuesday.**

**Stan Wawrinka, the 2016 men's champ, has been given a late wild card into the men's singles.**


WITNESS HISTORY

BRITAIN'S YOUNGEST EVER HEAVYWEIGHT WORLD CHAMPION AWAITS

MOSES DAZN HRGOVIC

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# Pinn sharp

**ETHAN PINNOCK sealed a £6million move to Coventry from Brentford.**

**The Jamaica defender *(right)*, 33, said: "After 25 years, the club are back in the Premier League and I can't wait to be part of it."**

**Brentford have agreed a £35m deal with West Ham for Senegal defender El Hadji Malick Diouf, 21.**

# Pierre still Sarr struck

By SIMON COLLINGS

**PIERRE SAGE has no doubts Liverpool target Ismaila Sarr is committed to Crystal Palace.**

The Senegal forward, 28, is being tracked by the Reds and Turkish giants Galatasaray.

A groin injury will keep Sarr *(left)* out of tomorrow's home game with Manchester City.

Eagles boss Sage said: "When you have three years on the contract, it is not easy to leave.

"Maybe you can make a link between his injury and the situation. But he is honest and I have no problem with that. We just want him on the pitch."

Sage claimed striker Jean-Philippe Mateta, 29, is "happy" even though he tried to get the final year of his contract ruled invalid.

He said: "I speak with him every day and I see a guy that is funny, happy to be here."

Palace hope to pip Aston Villa to a loan deal for Club Brugge defender Joel Ordonez, 22, with a £25million option to buy.

It comes after they signed Chelsea centre-back Axel Disasi, 28, on a season-long loan.

## NEWS TICKER

**JOAO PALHINHA is linking up with his former Fulham boss Marco Silva at Benfica.**

**The Portuguese midfielder, 31, who was on loan at Tottenham last term, signed for £17million after two years at Bayern Munich.**

**SUNDERLAND are eyeing Brazilian left-winger Igor Paixao from Marseille to bolster their attack.**

**Paixao, 26, scored 12 goals last season after a £30million move from Feyenoord, where he was Dutch football's player of the year in 2025. But the troubled French club need to sell to raise cash.**

**OWNER Danny Hunter revealed Boreham Wood's wantaway star Abdul Abdulmalik, 21, is on strike.**

**The National League club rejected a bid of £1.5million from Swedes Djurgarden and Hunter said: "Abdul is refusing to train or play."**

# Backward step

SOUTHAMPTON are exploring a move to bring back James Ward-Prowse.

The midfielder, 31, played 410 times for Saints before joining West Ham for £30million in 2023. His £50,000-a-week wages could be a problem, however.

Saints have agreed a £4m deal for Augsburg defender Keven Schlotterbeck, 29, amid interest in Taylor Harwood-Bellis.

Centre-half THB, 24, was left out of Tonda Eckert's last two matchday squads after bids from Benfica and Aston Villa.

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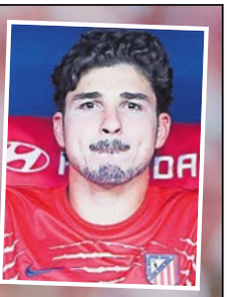
# ARSENAL BOOST?

# War over crown Jules



## ALVAREZ TRANSFER ROW

BARCING MAD . . . Atletico are refusing to sell striker Alvarez to their LaLiga rivals Barcelona

**JULIAN ALVAREZ is at the centre of a bitter transfer wrangle – which could boost Arsenal's chances of landing him.**

By JACK ROSSER

Atletico Madrid's star striker wants to join LaLiga champions Barcelona and requested a move during Argentina's World Cup campaign.

Ahead of Tuesday night's transfer deadline, Barca president Joan Laporta went public to express their interest in signing Alvarez, 26.

Laporta urged Atletico to accept their bid – only for their rivals to lash out and declare there is "zero per cent chance" they will sell the wantaway forward to the Nou Camp.

The Madrid side's stance could open the door for a bid from Arsenal, as boss Mikel Arteta is a big fan of the ex-Manchester City man.

Arteta is desperate to add Alvarez to his title winners.

But he will not make a move until he gets some encouragement from the Argie, as he knows the Emirates is not his preferred destination.

Premier League legend Alan Shearer reckons it would be "game over" for the Gunners' title rivals if they can land Alvarez – and could also win them the Champions League.

Barca chief Laporta said: "We're very interested in the player.

"We'd like our offer to be accepted and we say this with all due respect to Atletico Madrid."

Alvarez did not train yesterday with reports in Spain claiming he was ill.

But Atletico chief executive Miguel Angel Gil Marin swiftly issued a barbed reply over the player's future.

He told Spanish newspaper Marca: "The player is being victimised but the only victim of the Julian case is us.

"They have harmed us economically and socially. There is zero per cent chance of selling him to Barca. This is not about money, it's about dignity.

"There's a campaign with many lies and half-truths. The only one who pays for this is Atletico."

Alvarez was jeered by home fans after he came on as a substitute in Sunday's 2-2 draw with Villarreal at the Metropolitano.

He spent two seasons at City before being sold to Atletico in August 2024.

The Prem's 260-goal all-time top scorer and Newcastle icon Shearer *(inset)* believes he is just what Arsenal need to seal back-to-back league titles.

Betfair ambassador Shearer, 56, said: "If they were to go out and get Alvarez, then it would probably be game over for everyone.

"And they would have an unbelievable chance of winning the Champions League as well, which is the next step for them.

"They brought in Viktor Gyokeres last year, who did a great job getting goals when he needed to.

"In the big games, Arteta's played Kai Havertz.

"They're very different players. Havertz is technically very good, not as quick as Gyokeres.

"Christos Tzolis is only going to add to that. He's had a great start in the Community Shield.

"You've got Bukayo Saka, Eberechi Eze and Noni Madueke. Already you've got a brilliant forward line.

"But an Alvarez-type player would take them that little bit further.

"They got all the way to the Champions League final last season.

"But it would give them a better chance if they were to get Alvarez."

● Alan Shearer was speaking on Wembley Way at the launch of Betfair's Walk of Shame, which immortalises football's most spectacularly inaccurate predictions and takes.

# WE'RE GUNNER RAYS THE BAR

TEAM OF YEAR . . . Raya

**DAVID RAYA says Arsenal are on a mission to dominate English and European football.**

By CHARLIE WYETT

The Premier League champions, big favourites to retain their title, are preparing for a trip to Aston Villa on Monday after seeing off Coventry 3-0 on the opening day.

Keeper Raya said: "We're going to have to attack the league again, attack the cups, attack the Champions League because we want more.

"We want to become winners and for it not to be a one-off.

"We want all the trophies and we are confident that we can beat anybody at any time, so we just have to be focused on ourselves and do better than last season.

"The season was incredible, collectively and individually. We deserved to be there and be champions.

"Every season is very long with ups and downs, but I think we dealt with everything thrown at us.

"And it was an incredible season to lift the trophy, to give Arsenal the Premier League after 22 years."

Raya, 30, won the Premier League's Golden Glove award for the third time in succession, after 19 clean sheets in 37 top-flight games. The Spaniard was named in the PFA's Prem team of the year at Tuesday's awards in Manchester.

He said: "It's not just me. I've been part of it and it's the third time consecutively, but we cannot stop there.

"It's easier to win games when you keep those clean sheets, so keep them coming and hopefully more Golden Gloves come our way."

Arsenal have also been boosted by the arrival of England defender Ezri Konsa, 28, from Aston Villa in a deal worth a cool £55m.

Raya said. "Ezri is going to add a lot of competitiveness."

CARABAO CUP 2nd RND

# CHELSEA v LUTON

7.30pm, sky sports

WILSHERE . . . worried

## Jack: Go threesy on me!

By JOSHUA HALL

**JACK WILSHERE hopes Xabi Alonso will show some mercy by NOT fielding his superstar front three against League One Luton.**

**But the Hatters boss warned his players that good pal Danny Welbeck can be just as dangerous if he starts for Chelsea in their place.**

**Cole Palmer, Joao Pedro and Morgan Rogers all scored as they lit up Craven Cottage in Monday's 3-2 Prem win at Fulham.**

**And ahead of tonight's Carabao Cup second-round tie, Wilshere confessed: "Hopefully they don't all play against us!**

**"That being said, they have still got top players who will come in.**

**"I enjoyed watching them — but it worried me a little bit. I could easily say I would like to play against them, but of course I wouldn't. I want them to make changes."**

**Striker Welbeck, 35, who joined Chelsea from Brighton this summer, played alongside Wilshere at Arsenal and England.**

**And the Luton chief, 34, added: "He seems to have gotten better with age.**

**"I love Danny, he is a good friend of mine. He came to Arsenal from Manchester United.**

**"We played in England youth teams together. Then we went into the first team together.**

**"A lot of people over the years doubted Danny a little bit, but he was always a top player."**

STILL A BLUE . . . Chelsea's Argentine midfield star Enzo Fernandez training at Cobham yesterday

# GOING ALON WITH ARGIE BARGY

## Xabi: I don't care about flak

By JACK ROSSER

**XABI ALONSO says Chelsea can handle even more Argie-bargy this season should Emi Martinez arrive at Stamford Bridge.**

Blues midfielder Enzo Fernandez received a barrage of abuse from Fulham supporters when the Argentina ace was introduced as a second-half sub on Monday night.

Fernandez scored against England in the World Cup semi-final and then cupped his ears to the Three Lions fans during his celebration *(below)*.

Then his team-mates held up a banner declaring that the Falklands are Argentinian — and that has provoked anger among English fans.

The £106million star has been joined at Stamford Bridge by countryman Valentin Barco for £34m, while Aston Villa keeper Martinez could be the third Argentinian in Alonso's squad if talks on a move prove successful.

But boss Alonso dismissed the abuse that will come the way of his Argentina aces this term.

He said: "I've absolutely no control of that.

"I go to Craven Cottage and I have no control of the reaction of the Fulham crowd with the Argentinian players, with the Spanish players, with the French ones.

"I don't bother. I can't control it. I don't care. For me, it's zero consideration.

"For me, what's important is how they play, the personality they have and I think they can overtake this context.

"Over time it will decrease. We're still fresh from the summer."

Fernandez, 25, may stay or go — amid interest from Manchester City — but regardless of where he plays, he is likely to receive flak from opposition fans.

Barco, 22, was an unused sub in Atlanta when Argentina came from behind to down England 2-1.

But the midfielder *(left)* was slapped by Jude Bellingham following the final whistle. That was after Barco ran on the pitch to celebrate Fernandez's 85th-minute leveller in the faces of England stars.

And now Chelsea are exploring a move for controversial Villa keeper Martinez, 33, to solve Alonso's problem between the sticks.

It comes after club figures insisted for months they were happy with the duo of Robert Sanchez and Mike Penders going into the new season.

This, then, would appear a panic buy, dressed up as what will be dubbed a 'window opportunity' following Sanchez's blunders for both of Fulham's goals on Monday night.

ALONSO . . . keeper call

## Emi

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**their new first-choice goalkeeper.**

**Argentine Martinez — valued at around £8m — pushed to leave a year ago, hoping for a move to Manchester United.**

**Juventus were close to a deal earlier this summer but that also collapsed, leaving him in limbo.**

**Chelsea's current senior keepers are Sanchez, 28, and Mike Penders, 21, who spent last season at sister club Strasbourg.**

**Xabi Alonso is yet to decide which one will start tonight's Carabao Cup home tie against Luton — but added he has not felt it necessary to speak to Sanchez about his recent mistakes.**

**Boss Alonso said: "No, just normal conversations.**

**"We have talked more about the team, about what we did well, what we have to do better. So it was more about understanding the context."**

**Villa will buy Jackson for £47.5m with £17.5m add-ons in the latest deal between the two clubs.**

**Jackson, who spent last season on loan at Bayern, has been training away from the Chelsea squad.**

**He will be Villa's new striker with Watkins, 30, on the verge of ending his six-year stay at the club.**

**He missed Sunday's 4-0 thumping at Brighton and gaffer Emery did not deny rumours that the former Brentford man REFUSED to play.**

**When asked about his availability, Emery said: "I can answer only with my silence. You can call him and you can call his agent and he can respond."**

**Chelsea have already signed Morgan Rogers for a British-record £117m from Villa, while Alejandro Garnacho moved the other way on loan.**

# THIRD ROUND DRAW

| | |
|---|---|
| Crystal Palace v Middlesbrough | |
| Manchester United v Brighton | |
| Manchester City v Norwich | |
| Sunderland v Hull | |
| Ipswich v Arsenal | |
| Coventry v Aston Villa | |
| Bournemouth v Lincoln | |
| Liverpool v Tottenham | |
| Chelsea or Luton v Leeds | |
| Millwall v Newcastle | |
| Fleetwood v Sheffield United | |
| Everton v Wolves | |
| Leyton Orient v Bradford | |
| Reading v Brentford | |
| Peterborough v Barnsley | |
| West Ham v Fulham or AFC Wimbledon | |

(Ties to be played September 8/9/15/16)

# CARABAO CUP 2nd RND

SAV THAT . . . new £85m signing Savio smashes goal on his debut

# KOP CLASH

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improvement will be to increase the number of goals he scores.

"As for his qualities, he is one of the best wingers.

"But the best wingers also score many goals.

"I spoke with him a few days ago — and we set the target of ten to 12 goals.

"We need that many from our wingers. Last season, we suffered too much because the goals were not enough."

Solanke, who scored his first of the new season in the rout, said: "Savio did great when he came on.

"He's going to be a joy to watch and a fans' favourite. To get a goal and an assist on his debut was great."

And Tottenham's reward for their five-star performance is a tie at Anfield in the week commencing September 14.

Italian gaffer De Zerbi added: "That is a great game for us.

"If we want to win the competition, then we have to win those matches.

"Sometimes in this competition you have to play the big teams in the early stages.

"It is a great challenge for the players, for me and for the club."

Holders Manchester City will host Championship side Norwich, while Premier League champions Arsenal go to Ipswich.

Second-tier leaders Millwall are at home to Newcastle after Toon's comeback 3-2 victory over West Brom.

MOORE THE MERRIER . . . Spurs teen star Mikey Moore opens scoring as the Prem side rout Charlton

## MATCH STATS

| TOTTENHAM | | CHARLTON |
|---|---|---|
| 20 | SHOTS | 6 |
| 11 | SHOTS ON TARGET | 4 |
| 73% | POSSESSION | 27% |
| 618 | PASSES | 225 |
| 556 | COMPLETED PASSES | 167 |
| 45 | TOUCHES IN OPP BOX | 8 |
| 11 | CORNERS | 6 |
| 5 | FOULS CONCEDED | 11 |
| 1/0 | YELLOW/RED CARDS | 1/0 |
| | MATCH TIME: 99m 19s | |
| | BALL IN PLAY: 55m 52s | |

# IN THE NICO TYNE

## Two-goal Harv saves 'em as Gon joins

By IAN MURTAGH

**THERE may be a new man in the dugout but Newcastle's Carabao Cup love affair lives on.**

Eddie Howe led his side to two Wembley finals and victory last year.

And last night, successor Matthias Jaissle took the first steps towards following him thanks to two-goal Harvey Barnes *(right)*.

After seeing new £52million signing Nico Gonzalez introduced to St James' Park before kick-off, it turned into a nervy watch for German Jaissle.

But he was grateful for the second-half finishing prowess of sub Barnes to see off a spirited West Brom and set up a third-round clash at Millwall.

Jaissle, 38, said: "I'm relieved and we are happy to beat a strong opponent.

"It was entertaining for the fans but I would have less of a headache if we weren't conceding penalties."

Newcastle.....3
West Brom.....2

James Morrison's side overcame a tense opening to go in at the break level at 1-1.

And the Baggies were still harbouring hopes of an upset midway through the second half when Isaac Price scored his second of the game after Lewis Hall gave away his second spot-kick in three days.

In the 48th minute, with his first two touches after coming on for scorer Bazoumana Toure, Barnes met a corner with a low drive.

And when Albion's defence struggled to clear, he steamed in to convert the loose ball.

Four minutes after Price scored his 77th-minute penalty, following Hall's handball, Barnes met Amar Dedic's centre to sweep home the winner. Jaissle won cups with RB Salzburg in Austria and Saudis Al-Ahli and would love to make it a hat-trick.

But keeper Ewen Jaouen was at fault for Price's 19th-minute opener.

After Jimmy-Jay Morgan had been hacked down, Price curled a low 25-yard free-kick around the wall.

The former Reims No1 could only palm it into the net, sparking an explosion of noise from the visiting fans high up in the Leazes stand.

In the 38th minute, Dedic swung in a cross and Toure nipped between two defenders to stab home.

Jaouen made a full-length save to keep out Jayson Molumby's free-kick late on.

But like Hall, whose injury-time foul threw Liverpool a lifeline on Sunday, he had Barnes to thank for saving Newcastle's skin.

Albion boss Morrison said: "I'm proud of the lads. We caused them problems and were in the game throughout."

NEW KID IN TOON . . . Gonzalez greets the St James' Park faithful before kick-off

## SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

**CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND**

**BRADFORD (0) 0 BURNLEY (0) 0**
Bradford win 4-2 on penalties.

**NEWCASTLE (1) 3 WEST BROM (1) 2**
Toure 38
Barnes 48, 81
Price 19, 77 (pen)
Att: 51,405

**PRESTON (0) 0 EVERTON (1) 4**
Att: 16,834
T Barry 25, 59, 70
Johnson 72

**TOTTENHAM (2) 5 CHARLTON (0) 1**
Moore 41, Solanke 45
Danso 67, Savio 82
Davies 85
Jones 87
Att: 49,008

**UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAY-OFF ROUND SECOND LEG**

**AEK ATHENS (3) 4 LEVSKI SOFIA (0) 0**
AEK Athens win 4-0 on aggregate.

**CM CELJE (1) 1 S BRATISLAVA (1) 2**
AET - Score after 90 mins 1-1.
Slovan Bratislava win 3-2 on aggregate.

**LYON (0) 1 FENERBAHCE (2) 2**
Fenerbahce win 3-2 on aggregate.

**VIKING FK (1) 3 D ZAGREB (1) 1**
Viking FK win 5-3 on aggregate.

**UEFA EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE PLAY-OFF ROUND SECOND LEG**

**R VIENNA (1) 2 HEARTS (0) 2**
Kara 34, Cvetkovic 119
Kabore 79, Miller 100
AET - Score after 90 mins 1-1. Agg: 4-4.
Hearts win 4-3 on penalties.

**WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS LGE QUALIFIER**

**CHELSEA (1) 5 R SOCIEDAD (1) 2**
Girma 29, Buurman 54
Malard 67, 88, James 74
Marin Martin 7
Marcos 58

**LA LIGA -** Real Madrid 4 Real Sociedad 1.

### CRICKET

**SECOND TEST MATCH**
**Sri Lanka v India**

**Colombo:** India 503-9dec (138 overs; D Padikkal 117, Dhruv Jurel 115no, R Pant 63, S Gill 50; A M Fernando 4-106); Sri Lanka 290 (89.4 overs; S Dinusha 103, P Sooriyabandara 80; P Krishna 3-52, M Suthar 3-85) and 229-6 f/o (72.4 overs; P Sooriyabandara 92, K Mendis 55).

### CYCLING

**VUELTA A ESPANA** (Falset Costa Daurada - Roquetes Terres de l'Ebre,173.4km): **Stage 5 -** 1 M Brennan (GB) Team Visma I Lease a Bike 3hrs 47mins 2secs, 2 J Meeus (Bel) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe, 3 V Albanese (Ita) EF Education-EasyPost all at same time. **Overall -** T Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates-XRG 11:26:01, 2 P Roglic (Slo) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe +3:21, 3 E Mas (Spa) Movistar Team +3:32, 4 S Kuss (USA) Team Visma I Lease a Bike +3:44, 5 O Onley (GB) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team +3:45.

### DARTS

**PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP 28** (Leicester): **Quarter-finals -** L Humphries (Eng) bt O Bates (Eng) 6-4, M de Decker (Bel) bt K Huybrechts (Bel) 6-5, B Dolan (Ntrl) bt L Woodhouse (Eng) 6-4, L Littler (Eng) bt K Ratajski (Pol) 6-4. **Semi-finals -** Humphries bt de Decker 7-4, Dolan bt Littler 7-4. **Final -** Humphries bt Dolan 8-6.

### SNOOKER

**WST WUHAN OPEN** (China): **2nd rd -** B Chang (Chn) bt A Carter (Eng) 5-2; J Trump (Eng) bt J Si (Chn) 5-1; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt S Maguire (Sco) 5-2; M Selby (Eng) bt J Pang (Chn) 5-4; X Zhao (Chn) bt B Hawkins (Eng) 5-2; M Williams (Wal) bt D Wells (Wal) 5-2; N Robertson (Aus) bt L Davies (Wal) 5-3; G Xiao (Chn) bt C Wakelin (Eng) 5-3.

### TENNIS

**US OPEN QUALIFYING** (Flushing Meadows): **2nd rd, Men -** B Harris (GB) bt T Samuel (GB) 6-4 1-6 4-6; J Pinnington Jones (GB) bt O Virtanen (Fin) 6-2 6-7 (6-8); J Fearley (GB) bt L Pavlovic (Fra) 6-4 6-7 (4-7) 6-4. **Women -** H Dart (GB) bt K Penickova (USA) 5-7 6-0 6-3.

### TODAY'S SPORT

**CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND**
**Chelsea v Luton.....7.30**
**Fulham v AFC Wimbledon..... 8.0**

**ENTERPRISE NATIONAL**
**Boreham Wood v Boston Utd...7.45**

**EUROPA LEAGUE PLAY-OFF RND 2ND LEG**
**AGF (1) v Benfica (3).....7.0**
**Anderlecht (3) v FC Kairat (0) ..7.30**
**A Armenia (1) v U Craiova (1) .... 5.0**
**CSKA Sofia (0) v OFI (3) .....7.0**
**Kauno Zalgiris (0) v Besiktas (3) 6.0**
**Ferencvaros (1) v Trabzonspor (0) 7.30**
**Iberia 1999 v J Bialystock..... 5.0**
**Lillestrom (0) v KF Egnatia (0)... 6.0**
**O Nicosia (0) v Sint-Truiden (1).. 6.0**
**Pizen (0) v RS Belgrade (3)..... 6.0**
**RB Salzburg (1) v Mjallby AIF (0) 6.0**
**Thun (0) v Lech Poznan (7).....7.0**

**UEFA EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE PLAY-OFF RND 2ND LEG**
**Brighton (0) v Tromso (0).....7.30**
**Freiburg (3) v Motherwell (1) . 5.45**
(Live on Premier Sports)
**Hibernian (0) v Gent (0)..... 8.0**
**Jablonec (0) v Rangers (1)..... 5.0**
**KuPS (1) v Shamrock Rovers (1) 4.0**
**Larne (2) v Lincoln Red Imps (0) 8.0**

**CRICKET**
**Second Test Match—day 1 of 5:** England v Pakistan (Lord's, 11am).
**County Ch'ship - Div One—day 1 of 4 (11.0):** Essex v Surrey (Chelmsford), Glamorgan v Hampshire (Sophia Gardens), Sussex v Somerset (Hove), Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire (Edgbaston), Yorkshire v Leicestershire (Scarborough). **Div Two—day 1 of 4 (11.0):** Derbyshire v Middlesex (Derby), Durham v Gloucestershire (Riverside), Northamptonshire v Kent (Northampton), Worcestershire v Lancashire (New Road).
**GOLF**
**DP World Tour Husqvarna British Masters** (Sutton Coldfield).
**USPGA Tour Ch'ship** (Atlanta, Georgia).
**LIV Golf Michigan** (The Cardinal at Saint John's).
**RUGBY LEAGUE**
**Betfred Super League** (8.0): Wigan v Hull K R.
**Betfred Championship** (7.45): Sheffield v Widnes.

# LAST NIGHT'S LIVE ACTION

Tottenham.....5
Charlton.....1

# What a Savi buy

## BRAZILIAN SHOWS WORTH

By JOSHUA HALL

**NEW boy Savio took no time to show Tottenham fans what he is all about.**

The Brazilian, who arrived from Manchester City in an £85million deal this week, showed off his dancing feet as he masterminded two goals in quick succession.

Boss Roberto De Zerbi has splashed £322m on new signings this summer, with Omar Marmoush expected to also walk through the door from City.

And the Italian's splurge has been justified if last night is anything to go by.

Savio, 22, scored just **11 MINUTES** after coming on against Charlton in the Carabao Cup.

Tottenham are on the back of two dismal domestic campaigns and something had to change in North London.

Turns out breaking the bank to bring in a host of new star players could be the answer.

New £85m midfielder Mateus Fernandes also made his full debut, while there was not even a place in the match-day squad for £100m man Sandro Tonali and fellow new arrival Marcos Senesi.

But Savio, who failed to impress often at City, was the star of the show following his 71st-minute introduction.

His contribution helped Spurs win just their second domestic game at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in over **EIGHT MONTHS**.

Nathan Jones' visiting Charlton team paled in comparison, not least because the Addicks boss had made **TEN** changes to his side that beat West Ham at the weekend.

Jones had 19-year-old striker Micah Mbick leading the line, while his keeper Tiernan Brooks has never played a game in England's top four leagues and joined from National League Gateshead in the summer.

Ex-Southampton chief Jones was hoping to rest most of his stars for their Championship clash with Preston this weekend.

But he was forced to introduce Danny McNamara and skipper Lloyd Jones after just 15 minutes. Centre-back partnership Collins Sichenje and Billy Koumetio were both forced off with injuries.

Koumetio hobbled off holding his hamstring, while Sichenje was seemingly inconsolable as he was taken off on a stretcher following an innocuous knock in the box.

Despite Tottenham's squad being laden with newly-acquired firepower, it was academy ace Mikey Moore who opened the scoring.

The wideman, who spent last season on loan with Rangers, cut in from the right flank and unleashed a venomous strike that left Brooks helpless on 41 minutes.

Moore is expected to join German side Cologne on loan before the window closes next week, especially following the signing of Savio and if Marmoush arrives.

Moore's goal kicked Spurs into life, and they doubled their lead four minutes later.

Dominic Solanke lashed home a loose ball in the area after Lucas Bergvall's deflected effort.

It meant Spurs were 2-0 up at half-time and if Charlton's attention was not already on Saturday's league game, it was now.

Any hope of a comeback was killed by sub Kevin Danso, who rose up to nod home a floated Fernandes free-kick with his first touch of the game on 67 minutes.

Even with three goals flying in, perhaps the loudest cheer of the night came when Savio was introduced for his cameo.

And those cheers only got louder when he grabbed a goal of his own minutes later. The Brazilian wriggled his way into space off the right wing and fired into the bottom corner in the 82nd minute.

The fifth goal, three mintues later, was of his own making too. The winger twisted and turned in the box before his shot bounced off Ben Davies and went in.

Charlton hit back with a consolation header through Lloyd Jones, but Savio had done the damage.

The new arrival has got Spurs fans excited about what could come in the next few months and helped them forget all about their woeful 3-0 Prem loss to Brentford.

If he is proof of what big-money signings can do, perhaps Spurs will finally be fighting it out with the best at the top of the table once again.

STRIKER POSE . . . Dominic Solanke celebrates scoring just before break

# Oliver up For fight

By GRAHAM HILL

**OLIVER GLASNER has come out swinging — just two games into his Nottingham Forest reign.**

**The ex-Crystal Palace boss has suffered back-to-back home losses to Leeds — the second on Tuesday dumping his side out of the Carabao Cup.**

**Forest go to Liverpool on Saturday yet to score under Glasner *(below)*.**

**But after the club axed four bosses last term, he is urging a reality check.**

**Glasner said: "Since I've been here, my assessment is that maybe there's an ignoring of reality.**

**"It was turbulent last season, a huge effort to stay in the league.**

**"This is our starting point, you can't expect someone to come in and be the Messiah.**

**"I came in and our best midfielder left the club.**

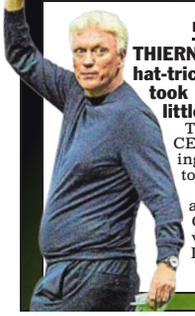
**"Now we're expected to compete for European places just because I'm in?**

**"Sorry, I cannot deliver this in six weeks. But if we do the right things, we will improve."**

# IT'S TO YOU, TO THREE

## Barry chuckle at hat-trick

BAZ BALL . . . Thierno Barry scores his first as Everton cruise to victory at Preston



By KEN LAWRENCE

**THIERNO BARRY grabbed a hat-trick — as David Moyes took the hint and dabbled in a little cup magic.**

Preston.....0
Everton.....4

The Scot may not have liked CEO Angus Kinnear suggesting it was time to end Everton's 32-year trophy drought.

Moyes *(left)* responded by asking whether going for Carabao or FA Cup glory was worth risking Premier League security.

But the Toffees boss clearly told his side to go for the jugular at the stadium where it began for him as a manager in 1998.

Barry was bullish after following his three goals by setting up the fourth for Brennan Johnson.

French striker Barry, 23, said: "I'm very happy to score my first hat-trick for Everton.

"This season is going to be mine – last season I didn't show myself, I didn't show the real Thierno." Moyes made just three changes from the side who beat Crystal Palace 2-0 at the weekend.

Perhaps this cup tie meant more to them than the Championship side as Preston boss Paul Heckingbottom's seven changes meant £6million record-signing Alfie Devine only emerged for the final half hour.

Iliman Ndiaye and Barry had already been denied by desperate blocks when Everton took a 25th-minute lead after a stunning move.

Vitaliy Mykolenko produced a perfect cross for the inrushing Barry to finish from close range.

Barry bundled home his second in the 59th minute after keeper Lee Nicholls spilled Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall's cross into his path.

Callum Lang almost pulled one back but Jordan Pickford made a fine save from his overhead kick.

Barry tapped in from close range to complete his hat-trick after being set up by Johnson.

Roles were reversed moments later as Johnson put his Crystal Palace nightmare behind him with his first goal since November.

Johnson said: "It's been a little while, longer than I wanted.

"It helps to play with confidence on the pitch. I'm loving life."

IRAOLA . . . £53m boost

# Real-ity bites for the Reds

From MARTIN LIPTON

**LIVERPOOL can only play Real Madrid AWAY if they are drawn together in the Champions League.**

**The Kop giants have hosted the Spaniards in both of the previous league phase incarnations.**

**A fixture cannot be repeated in the first part of the competition for three successive seasons.**

**Arne Slot's Reds clocked up back-to-back Anfield wins over Real in 2024 and then 2025 — with ex-player Trent Alexander-Arnold in that side.**

**The same regulation means Arsenal would have to play Inter at home if the Italian champions are included in the Gunners' eight initial fixtures.**

**In tonight's draw in Monaco, clubs cannot play a team from their own country until the knock-out phase begins. Andoni Iraola's side, who are the Prem's top pre-season Uefa earners having banked £53million without kicking a ball, Arsenal and Manchester City are all in the group of top seeds.**

**Manchester United and Aston Villa are in pot two.**

**Paris Saint-Germain, Inter, Barcelona, Real, Bayern and Atletico Madrid join the leading English trio in the top nine.**

**Uefa's calculations, with more than 60 per cent of the total £2.1BILLION prize pot distributed before the start of the campaign, gives Liverpool £53.1m, with City on £52.4m, Arsenal £50.1m and United £44.8m.**

**Prize money is set to increase by 35 per cent next season, when Paramount take over in the UK for four years with Sky Sports showing the Europa and Conference Leagues.**

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PREMIER LEAGUE

# CITY'S BIG BOUTS TO FILL

MAKING KISS-TORY . . . Rodri with the Prem trophy

## Morocco star Ayyoub, 18, has a huge job replacing talisman Rodri

LILLE DEAL . . . Bouaddi shone for the Ligue 1 side

By MARTIN LIPTON
CHIEF SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

**MANCHESTER CITY are backing a boy to fill a man's boots.**

While Ayyoub Bouaddi is barely old enough to vote, the Morocco midfielder can prove there is life after Rodri at the Etihad.

Bouaddi's move to Manchester has been signposted pretty much all summer, especially since his World Cup bow against Brazil.

That the teenager is something special was made abundantly clear in the MetLife Stadium on June 13.

Morocco's group opener at this summer's World Cup pitted them against the Brazilians, whose manager Carlo Ancelotti fielded the vastly experienced Casemiro, Bruno Guimaraes and Lucas Paqueta as his central midfield trio.

Willowy and seemingly slight despite his 6ft 1in frame, Bouaddi had just two full seasons in Ligue 1 under his belt.

And yet he made mincemeat of the Prem-hardened veterans with his energy, intelligence and passing range.

Bouaddi recalled: "It was an amazing experience, the fans and all the love I received – it was a dream.

"Playing games like the one against Brazil are all about mindset.

"We all love playing football. Every footballer loves to play in big games.

"So, when you play big games, you only want to enjoy it, to do your best and show what you are capable of. That is what happened against Brazil."

His display showed why former Chelsea and Arsenal striker Olivier Giroud – who played with Bouaddi at Lille last term – hailed him as a combination of Sergio Busquets and Patrick Vieira.

That spells out Bouaddi's power, energy and attacking instincts but also his combative, winning edge – and ability to bring control amid the maelstrom.

In other words, he is exactly what City need to back up Elliot Anderson in their midfield after losing not just Rodri but also Bernardo Silva and plenty of others.

When boss Enzo Maresca utilised Marc Guehi as his midfield screen against Bournemouth on Sunday – effectively confirming Nico Gonzalez would follow Tijjani Reijnders through the exit door – it was a sticking plaster solution even if the former Crystal Palace defender scored a vital equaliser in City's 2-1 victory.

Bouaddi had long been identified as the long-term answer.

But the Premier League is the most aggressively intensive competition in world football – a school of hard knocks where sharks will happily devour anyone who shows the slightest signs of mental or physical frailty.

Even Rodri had to stand up and be counted. Reputations alone mean nothing.

Bouaddi first drew attention as a six-year-old in his home town of Creil, 45 miles north of central Paris.

He made his debut for Lille just three days after his 16th birthday.

His 96 appearances for the side from northern France included nine in the Champions League.

The day he turned 17, Bouaddi helped Lille to a 1-0 victory over Real Madrid in the group stages.

Jude Bellingham, Aurelien Tchouameni, Eduardo Camavinga, Fede Valverde and

**BOUADDI FOR LILLE IN LIGUE 1**

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| Goals | 0 |
| Assists | 2 |
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# £86M DREAM TEEN

NEW ADDI-TION . . . Bouaddi holds City shirt yesterday and (above) his brilliant MetLife showing for Morocco against Brazil

Vinicius Jr were all in Real's side. Bouaddi admitted: "That match changed everything.

"All the elements were there for it to be magical. I was almost pinching myself to believe it. I didn't really realise what was happening."

Then again, Bouaddi has always been mature beyond his years, playing above his age group since he turned ten.

Having played ten times for France Under-21s, football chiefs in the country of his birth knew a jewel had slipped away when he committed his international future to Morocco in June.

The move to City may force Bouaddi to put his degree studies in mathematics on hold while he finds the right passing angles to solve the midfield equations.

It is a case of practical geometry and spatial awareness.

Asked to describe his own attributes, Bouaddi added: "I would say I am a player who plays for the team, a really collective player.

"I try to put my team-mate in the best position and to give everything every time for the team. The most important aspect is to try to balance the team, help your team-mates.

"As a No 6 you're not going to score 20 goals in a season.

"It can happen but it's rare. So you have to do everything to balance the team.

"I am only 18 and happy with the progress I have made so far but I also know I can improve so much.

"This is undoubtedly the best place for me to do that."

That was an acknowledgment, too, of one of his weaknesses.

In those 96 Lille appearances, he has yet to score and claimed just four assists.

Being good on the ball is one thing. Hurting opponents is another.

Rodri arrived at the Etihad having found the net just four times.

But the Spaniard scored 28 goals in his seven seasons at City – including the winner in the 2023 Champions League final.

He may have big boots to fill but Rodri's youthful replacement has lofty ambitions of his own.

Bouaddi said: "When I spoke to City we talked about the future, because this is why I am here.

"We know that in this great club we need to win.

"What's important is that I'm going to give 100 per cent. I'll always be here for the team and then it's the future."

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| Shots on target | 6 | Fouls won | 33 |
| Chances created | 27 | Tackles | 115 |
| Completed passes | 1,484 | Interceptions | 38 |
| Possession won | 230 | Morocco caps | 8 |

# ETIMAD

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**City are the best club in the world. It's a dream to be able to call myself a City player.**

**"I have spent most of my life working hard to become the best player I can be and reach the top of the game.**

**"I love City's style. They always try and play quality football. This club is built to win."**

**Despite his tender years, Bouaddi has been earmarked by boss Enzo Maresca *(below)* to fill the void left by Rodri's move to Barcelona.**

**Director of football Hugo Viana said: "Ayyoub has outstanding football intelligence that will only improve under Enzo's guidance."**

**City may have to top the £116m they paid Nottingham Forest for Anderson to land Fernandez — who played under Maresca at Stamford Bridge.**

**Chelsea set an August 14 deadline for their asking price to be met but could yet be tempted if they can find a replacement.**

**The Blues remain keen on Alex Scott, 23, despite having a £64m bid rejected by Bournemouth. Scott has refused to extend his Cherries contract, which runs to June 2028.**

**Nico Gonzalez yesterday became the fourth City midfielder to leave this summer, joining Newcastle for £52m.**

**He follows the exits of Rodri, Bernardo Silva and Tijjani Reijnders.**

**Gonzalez, 24, said: "I've only heard top words about the club and city. I'm excited to live here and be part of this project.**

**"I love the black and white shirt already and can't wait to wear it on the pitch."**

**Sunderland are trying to sign Grealish, 30, on loan — with Everton and Aston Villa also in contact with his camp.**

**The England winger has featured in City's first two games of the season after recovering from a stress fracture in a foot.**

**Striker Omar Marmoush is completing a move to Spurs.**

ON THIN ICE . . . Fifa chief Infantino has seen off Uefa boycott

# THREAT

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confirm that the idea is now **OFF** the table.

Uefa is pointing to legal guarantees from football's world governing body Fifa that the sell-off plan is dead for good, to justify the change of stance.

Representatives of the 55 Uefa member associations will be told that Fifa has given a binding undertaking that the plan – which would have seen Infantino earning £30million per year as chief executive of the combined enterprise – has been abandoned.

In addition, the associations will find out Uefa has received "assurances that such attempts to disfigure the game in this way will never be made again".

The decision is a relief to the six European women's Under-20 teams, including England, who are due to play in next month's age group World Cup in Poland.

Uefa is still determined to bring down the curtain on Infantino's 11-year Fifa reign.

However, opponents of the current Zurich regime have just two months to find a candidate to stand against the 56-year-old Swiss.

Infantino was among a slew of Fifa executives who received legal demands to preserve all documents and information over the sell-off plan – "Fifa Forward Enterprises" – as part of the Uefa campaign threatening court action.

Canada's Victor Montagliani, who serves as a Fifa vice president and a member of the Fifa council, is close to his country's prime minister Mark Carney.

Montagliani is known to have been angered by Infantino's decision to ally with US president Donald Trump, and is seen as a potential option, along with Bahrain's Sheikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa.

The latest move comes as the Italian FA, previously a strong backer of Infantino, formally withdrew its support for the Swiss to win a final four-year term as the head of the world game.

And FA chief Giovanni Malago *(left)* said: "We will continue to work alongside Uefa and other European federations to promote a football model based on merit, solidarity, sustainability, and the centrality of fans.

"We identify with a model of dialogue, listening, and shared responsibility that has thus far allowed football to grow, innovate, and at the same time defend its founding principles."

Meanwhile, Brazilian 2002 World Cup winners Cafu and Roberto Carlos have endorsed Infantino's reign, further indicating the global split over Fifa's future.

# Uefa stance is looking weak

**WHEN you make threats, then you've got to stick to them, otherwise you look weak.**

myView By MARTIN LIPTON Chief Sports Correspondent

And while it's understandable that Uefa has backed down from their threat to pull out of all future Fifa tournaments, you may wonder if chief Gianni Infantino thinks the tide is turning in his favour.

On paper it was a reasonable decision.

It would have been wrong, surely, for the six European women's under 20 teams – due to play in the World Cup in Poland – to **NOT** be allowed because of a spat between Uefa president Aleksander Ceferin and Fifa boss Infantino.

At the same time, Uefa said it was playing hardball. And this looks like softball. The excuse is that Fifa has now officially backed down from their plans to sell off a share of the World Cup, and promised that it will never happen again.

Honest, cross your fingers, swear to God, hope to die.

Who believes that?

The reality is that Uefa looks weaker at a time when they needed to look strong.

There's a reason behind it, yes. But is this really the right way to deal with Infantino?

I'm not so sure.

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# Euro chiefs drop threat

**UEFA chiefs have dropped a threat to boycott future Fifa tournaments, after less than a month.**

Euro bosses made the warning as part of their war with Fifa president Gianni Infantino over his plans to partially sell off the World Cup to private backers.

But Uefa leaders, in Monaco for tonight's Champions League draw, will

From MARTIN LIPTON in MONACO

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# Savio-ur for Spurs

ABSOLUTELY FLAG-ULOUS . . . Savio had a cracking debut for Tottenham

## £85M BUY STARS TO SET UP KOP CLASH

Tottenham.....5
Charlton.....1

By JOSHUA HALL

**SAVIO enjoyed a dream Tottenham debut — as he scored and assisted to set up a Carabao Cup third-round trip to Liverpool.**

The Brazilian, who only sealed his £85million move from Manchester City on Tuesday, netted a stunner just 11 minutes after his introduction.

Moments later his shot deflected in off Ben Davies, which added to earlier efforts from Mikey Moore, Dominic Solanke and Kevin Danso.

Boss Roberto De Zerbi said: "It is a perfect day for Savio. His biggest

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# TRANSFER FRENZY AT CITY

# ETIMAD

MARTINEZ . . . moving

## Chelsea talks over Martinez

By JACK ROSSER

**CHELSEA are in talks to sign Aston Villa keeper Emiliano Martinez.**

**It came on the day that Blues striker Nicolas Jackson, 25, moved in the opposite direction in a £65million deal.**

**And he is replacing England's Ollie Watkins, who is heading to Saudi outfit Al-Hilal for £52m.**

**Chelsea want a new No1 after Robert Sanchez blundered for both of Fulham's goals in Monday night's 3-2 win.**

**Martinez, 33, has been training separately from Unai Emery's squad after Villa signed Zion Suzuki as**

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## World Cup star Bouaddi, 18, joins in £86m deal

## Sunderland switch for Grealish being plotted by club

## Enzo eyed to take midfield rebuild to £300m

SOME BOUADDI TO LOVE . . . City's £86m new boy

By MARTIN LIPTON

**AYYOUB BOUADDI sealed his £86million move to Manchester City — who now want Enzo Fernandez to complete a £300m midfield revamp.**

City are preparing a bid for £120m-rated Chelsea star Fernandez to join their £116m club-record buy Elliot Anderson.

To add to the Etihad transfer frenzy, they are ready to offload Jack Grealish to Sunderland.

Morocco star Bouaddi, 18, penned a five-year deal and said: "Manchester

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INS & OUTS . . . City target Fernandez and Grealish (right)

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SHAY DAY . . . Shayem, a Group 3 winner at Glorious Goodwood, has been sold out of Karl Burke's (*below*) yard to continue his racing career in Hong Kong

# THAT'S A SHAYME

## Goodwood hero is off to Hong Kong

EXCLUSIVE By JACK KEENE

**GLORIOUS GOODWOOD winner Shayem has been sold to continue his career in Hong Kong.**

Karl Burke's classy three-year-old holds an entry in Saturday's Group 2 Celebration Mile at the Sussex racecourse.

But his owner, Abdulrazaq Mohamdi, received an offer too good to refuse, so the colt will head to the Far East shortly for the start of the new season.

Shayem beat Talk Of New York in the Thoroughbred Stakes last month and had been a general 6-1 shot for Goodwood's £200,000 race this weekend.

Burke said: "He's been sold,

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PLAN . . . King

## Big Bays ahead for Al

By JACK KEENE

**ALAN KING is setting a high bar for Daiquiri Bay heading into the final two months of the season.**

**The trainer is eyeing big Group 1 targets with his Ebor winner, who he hopes could be the next Trueshan.**

**His chief target will be the Long Distance Cup on Champions Day — a race Trueshan won three times — and the Prix Royal-Oak in France.**

**King said: "I haven't done much with him since York, but he's bright and well in his paddock. He'll probably go to Ascot on Champions Day.**

**"Trueshan was rated 109 when he got beat in the Ebor and he went and won at Ascot for the first time after that. Daiquiri Bay's rated 110 now.**

**"I'm not saying he's as good as Trueshan, don't get me wrong, but he's only a four-year-old and he could improve again."**

## Dyl out for few weeks

FALL . . . DBM

By JACK KEENE

**IRISH champion jockey Dylan Browne McMonagle faces a few weeks out injured after a horror fall at Bellewstown on Tuesday night.**

**McMonagle, 23, was riding Mosel when the horse fell in the straight and the rider was taken to hospital in Drogheda, Co. Louth.**

**The top jockey, who has been one of the stars of the season as Joseph O'Brien's No1, is said to be in good spirits and will be in a race against time to get back for the Flat's big autumn meetings.**

**Jennifer Pugh, IHRB chief medical officer, said: "He was stable overnight and he is in good spirits.**

**"He'll be out for a number of weeks but he will make a full recovery. He is very appreciative of the good-will messages he has received."**

**Racing went ahead at Bellewstown last night after an inspection.**

### RIDERS OVER LIMIT

**FLAT jockey Leigh Roche and champion jumps conditional Eoin Staples have each been banned for 21 days after blowing over the alcohol limit during breath testing at the Galway Festival earlier this month. They've also been fined £850.**

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| 4.55 ..Royal County Glory | 4.55 ..... King Cherry |

■TIC-TAC: (AW) Left-handed all-weather Polytrack of 1m 2f, 2f run-in. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Balding 65-323, G & J Moore 46-384, R Hughes 41-289, S & E Crisford 39-137. THIS SEASON: James Owen 15, A Balding 12, Sir M Prescott 8. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): J Mitchell 66-338, P Bradley 50-458, M Ghiani 45-259, S M Levey 42-261. THIS SEASON: M Ghiani 11, P Bradley 10, J Leavy 8. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Scrappetalene (2.52) trained at Middleham. Round trip of 540 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

### 2.22 FOLLOW ATTHERACES ON X NURSERY (Class 6); 2-y-o; value to the winner £3,664; 1m. (11 runners)

1 (2) 5964 **NO MORE PINO 8** C Pike 9-9 ..... **Sean Levey 98**
2 (3) 4805 **PRINCE KAMEO 26** Sir M Prescott 9-8 ..... **Jack Gilligan 91**
3 (9) 8803 **TEN OF CLUBS 17 (P★)** J Osborne 9-5 ..... **Saffie Osborne 92**
4 (6) 575237 **HAMDANI MOKHATER 17 (B)** J Horton 9-5 ..... **Jack Mitchell 85**
5 (1) 8762 **BOLLENGO BOY 17 (BF)** E J-Houghton 9-4 ..... **Charles Bishop 95**
6 (10) 859 **WHISKEY GALORE 28** M Bell 9-3 ..... **Tom Marquand 92**
7 (11) 5454314 **MAGICAL LIFE 10 (B)** J Moore 9-2 ..... **Marco Ghiani ●99**
8 (7) 066 **KISS CAM 14 (B★)** R Hughes 9-2 ..... **Cieren Fallon 90**
9 (8) 048 **GOBLET 52** H Morrison 9-1 ..... **Rob Hornby 88**
10 (5) 0995 **ALLABOUTTHELUNCH 17** E Smyth-Osbourne 8-3 ..... **Olivia Tubb (5) 87**
11 (4) 068 **HAILSTONES IN MAY 42** R Hughes 8-3 ..... **Tyler Heard 78**

**BETTING:** 3 No More Pino, 9-2 Bollengo Boy, 5 Magical Life, 8 Whiskey Galore, Kiss Cam, 10 Hamdani Mokhater, 12 Prince Kameo, Ten Of Clubs
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding meeting.**

### 2.52 NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (3); 2-y-o; winner £6,480; 1m. (5 runners)

1 (3) 7 **BOOMSHAKALAK 50** Z Hawkins 9-2 ..... **Callum Hutchinson 77**
2 (1) 032 **KIAH 26** B Meehan 9-2 ..... **Tom Marquand ●99**
3 (2) 04 **PLEASE DON'T GO 15** R Hughes 9-2 ..... **Cieren Fallon 94**
4 (5) 5 **SCRAPPETALENE 20** C Johnton 9-2 ..... **Rob Hornby 91**
5 (4) 55 **THURITHA 15** D Simcock 9-2 ..... **Sean Levey 88**

**BETTING:** 13-8 Kiah, 5-2 Please Don't Go, 7-2 Thuritha, 4 Scrappetalene

### 3.22 DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP NOVICE STAKES (4); winner £5,400; 1m. (7 runners)

1 (1) 1- **ENOCH 335** J & T Gosden 3-9-11 ..... **William Buick 98**
2 (3) **IRISH SPRING** K Jewell 4-9-10 ..... **Joey Haynes —**
3 (6) 7 **PANIOLO CREEK 58** Kieran Burke 5-9-10 ..... **Josephine Gordon 70**
4 (4) 1-4 **BLACK CHIFFON 22** A Balding 3-9-6 ..... **Rob Hornby ●99**
5 (2) 8 **CLASSY NIGHT 22** H Eustace 3-9-4 ..... **Kaiya Fraser 84**
6 (5) 35 **COLONNADE 22** S & E Crisford 3-9-4 ..... **Jack Mitchell 93**
7 (7) 8- **OPEN TO OFFERS 295** W Greatrex 3-9-4 ..... **Edward Greatrex 79**

**BETTING:** 4-6 Enoch, 2 Black Chiffon, 11-2 Colonnade, 50 Classy Night

### 3.52 FREE TIPS ATTHERACES.COM HANDICAP (5) winner £4,187; 5f (6 runners)

**1** 11-077 **DESERT TREASURE 34 (D)**
(3) W Haggas 3-9-10 ..... **Tom Marquand 85**
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (2G) £7,344
Two wins at two but yet to show she's trained on, best watched for now

**2** 83-541 **ISLE OF LISMORE 65 (V;D)**
(6) R Cowell 8-9-8 ..... **Jack Mitchell ●99**
Runs: 45 Wins: 8 (2S,2GS,4G) Places: 7 £98,847
Regained winning thread at Ffos Las, 3lb rise fair, on the shortlist

**3** 622504 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY 47 (D)**
(4) C Hobson 5-9-4 ..... **Marco Ghiani 92**
Runs: 30 Wins: 4 (3A,GS) Places: 6 £29,081
In good form at turn of year, more like it latest, workable mark, in the mix

**4** 614646 **MICK'S SPIRIT 52 (V;CD)**
(5) C Allen 8-9-3 ..... **Jack Gilligan 87**
Runs: 69 Wins: 11 (11A) Places: 14 £77,081
Likes it here and below last winning mark, this is his grade, dangerous

**5** 694246 **LAZZAR 13 (C)**
(2) C Wallis 4-9-3 ..... **Rob Hornby 90**
Runs: 24 Wins: 4 (4A) Places: 4 £32,099
Thrown in at best but little evidence of that recently, needs old spark

**6** 853122 **STYLE KING 10 (BF,C)**
(1) C Dwyer 4-9-2 ..... **Harry Davies 97**
Runs: 22 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 5 £17,466
Revitalised of late, return to 5f no great concern, give good account

**BETTING:** 5-4 Isle Of Lismore, 5-2 Style King, 9-2 Desert Treasure, 7 General Assembly, 14 Mick's Spirit, 25 Lazzar

### 4.22 SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 CLASSIFIED STAKES (6); value to the winner £3,664; 1m 2f. (14 runners)

1 (10) 57-0132 **FREEDOM BAY 24** Z Hawkins 4-9-9 ..... **Callum Hutchinson 95**
2 (5) 88-2560 **IFTIKHAAR 124 (V)** J Jenkins 7-9-9 ..... **Marco Ghiani 91**
3 (4) 4186549 **KAARESS 24 (V;CD)** M Attwater 5-9-9 ..... **Kieren Fox 87**
4 (9) 0-09805 **KEV 15** W Muir & C Grassick 4-9-9 ..... **Tom Marquand 82**
5 (1) 46-6872 **LADY AIYANA 16** I G-Leveque 4-9-9 ..... **Benoit Sayette 90**
6 (11) -107445 **PRIDE EYE 9 (BF)** M Rimell 4-9-9 ..... **Rob Hornby ●99**
7 (14) 8D8/443 **ROGERS DREAM 27** G Arnolda 5-9-9 ..... non-runner 92
8 (12) 798-659 **SENSEOFENTITLEMENT 100** P Butler 6-9-9 ..... **Jack Mitchell 85**
9 (6) 478-529 **SHARMA D'AMOUR 110 (C)** D Coakley 4-9-9 ..... **George Bass 83**
10 (13) 3-99456 **SUNSET IN PARIS 50 (CD)** J Jenkins 8-9-9 ..... **Harry Davies 87**
11 (7) 2-23498 **TASKHEER 72 (C)** G & J Moore 8-9-9 ..... **Paddy Bradley 94**
12 (3) -90866R **VERSATILE J7 (BF,D)** J Owen 5-9-9 ..... **Josephine Gordon 76**
13 (2) 4674552 **ERNIE MCCREW 9** J Moore 3-9-2 ..... **Millie Wonnacott (5) 97**
14 (8) 5-38057 **MARYLAND STAR 24 (H)** D Ivory 3-9-2 ..... **John Egan 84**

**BETTING:** 9-2 Pride Eye, 5 Ernie Mccrew, Freedom Bay, 6 Lady Aiyana

### 4.55 SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 512 HCAP (6) 3YO; winner £3,664; 7f (12 runners)

**1** -31592 **ROYAL COUNTY GLORY 7 (BF,D)**
(9) J Jones 9-9 ..... **Cieren Fallon 97**
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 4 £11,262
Lost by nostril over 6f here stable bow last week, up 2lb, won't be far away

**2** 435-6 **MELODICAL 20**
(6) E Walker 9-9 ..... **Tom Marquand 92**
Runs: 4 Places: 1 £1,689
Three quiet runs at two, no disgrace hcap bow on return, respected

**3** 594236 **CREDIT FORGEDD IT 12**
(8) S Dow 9-9 ..... **Sean Levey ●99**
Runs: 12 Places: 2 £6,817
Pulled away chance here (1m) latest, definitely has race in him, player

**4** 954-7 **IRISH FUSILIER 83**
(11) G & J Moore 9-9 ..... **Rob Hornby 90**
Runs: 4 £571
Hint of ability at two, better for Goodwood return, rider upgrade, sniff

**5** 758676 **KING CHERRY 7**
(5) S Williams 9-6 ..... **Marco Ghiani 93**
Runs: 6
Behind Royal County latest, return to 7f a plus but still has a bit to find

**6** 9-83 **TWILIGHT BABY 39**
(12) G Kelleway 9-6 ..... **Saffie Osborne 92**
Runs: 3 £1,014
Hasn't pulled up any trees so far, fair opening mark and Saffie up a plus

**7** 770786 **EBN SABT 14 (C)**
(4) B Lund 9-4 ..... **Jack Doughty 78**
Runs: 15 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £7,622
Winner here in Feb but hardly beaten a rival in his last few starts, avoid

**8** 333376 **REAL GOLD 14**
(7) R Cook & J Bridger 8-11 ..... **Joe Leavy 83**
Runs: 13 Places: 1 £4,990
Another who has lost her way, falling down weights but for a reason, left

**9** -08739 **LESLEY BUCKLEY 58 (V)**
(10) S Pearce 8-9 ..... **Ray Dawson 80**
Runs: 8 £808
Best effort here (third, 6f) in sea of mediocrity, stable bow, others preferred

**10** 6686-4 **AUDERE 28**
(3) D Ivory 8-9 ..... **John Egan 76**
Runs: 7 £399
Achieved little at two and return didn't scream winner in waiting either

**11** 5-5687 **POWER CUT 9**
(1) C Banham 8-9 ..... **Joey Haynes 74**
Runs: 6 £0
Well punted at Wolves two starts back but again 'power' lacking, dismissed

**12** 006563 **RUIZ 9 (H)**
(2) S Dow 8-9 ..... **Tyler Heard 91**
Runs: 8 Places: 1 £1,012
First signs of life C&D last week, basement mark but repeat and possibilities

**BETTING:** 2 Royal County Glory, 5 Melodical, 6 King Cherry, 7 Credit Forgedd It, 10 Irish Fusilier, 12 Ruiz, Power Cut, Twilight Baby

### EACH-WAY THIEF

**TWILIGHT BABY (4.55 Lingfield) looks the type to do a lot better now handicapping. Have an each-way double with SYMPHONY'S SONG (5.07 Ffos Las) who has run well at Chepstow and Sandown on her last two starts.**

## NEWTON ABBOT TONIGHT — GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

### TEMPLEGATE

4.42 ..... St Just In Time
5.12 ..... Better Off Alone
5.42 ..... Estate Planning
6.12 ..... Centara
6.42 Touchwoodexpress
7.12 ..... Quick Sharpener
7.42 ..... Ellerton

### TOM PEPPER

4.42 ..... Nightflyer
5.12 ..... Premier Fantasy
5.42 ..... Buxted Reel
6.12 ..... Obsessedwithyou
6.42 ..... My Girl Katie
7.12 ..... Thickthorn Tom
7.42 ..... Donnie Azoff

■TIC-TAC: L-H flat, tight track of 1m, seven fences, run-in of 300 yards. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): P Nicholls 51-164, D Skelton 33-101, J Tizzard 33-175. THIS SEASON: D Skelton 11, P Nicholls 9, N Schofield 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): S T-Davies 30-121, H Skelton 26-72, B Powell 22-152, S Bowen 20-109. THIS SEASON: H Skelton 11, S T-Davies 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Jack The Savage (6.42) trained Towcester. Round trip 380 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: D Pipe won 6.42 in 2020, 2024. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Premier Fantasy (5.12), Quick Sharpener (7.12), Ellerton (7.42). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

### 4.42 MAIDEN HURDLE (Class 4); winner £5,446; 2m 2f 110yds. (6 runners)

1 42/3 **ST JUST IN TIME 12** H Derham 6-11-4 ..... **P O'Brien**
2 -2P4 **WAIT AT THE GATE 42** D. Bridgwater 7-11-4 ..... **B Powell**
3 232 **IWANTTOBREAKFREE 36** D Skelton 4-11-0 **non-runner**
4 40-5 **NIGHTFLYER 77 (P★)** J & A O'Neill 4-11-0 ..... **J O'Neill Jr**
5 0-44 **MARIA MES 45** J Snowden 5-10-11 ..... **G Sheehan**
6 25-3 **MORISSETTE 116** D Summersby 6-10-11 ..... **B Carver**
*St Just In Time ●99, Wait At The Gate 98, Nightflyer 92.*
11-8 St Just In Time, 3 Nightflyer, 6 Wait At The Gate, 12 Maria Mes, 16 Morissette

### 5.12 NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (5); winner £4,225; 3m 2f. (5 runners)

1 1253 **PREMIER FANTASY 39** N Schofield 7-12-0 .. **J Quinlan**
2 34P- **BETTER OFF ALONE 165** M Keighley 7-12-0 .. **F Keighley (5)**
3 -114 **KNIGHTSBRIDGE 42 (BF)** J & A O'Neill 6-11-9 **J O'Neill Jr**
4 4-1P **LYNSEY LARUE 75** C Williams 7-10-6 ..... **C Ring**
5 -453 **FLASHY BOY 7** R Llewellyn 9-10-2 ..... **C Price**
*Knightsbridge ●99, Better Off Alone 98, Flashy Boy 97.*
6-4 Knightsbridge, 3 Flashy Boy, 7-2 Premier Fantasy, 6 Better Off Alone, 11 Lynsey Larue

### 5.42 NOVICE LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE (5); win £3,961; 2m 1f. (7 runners)

1 909- **RUN AWAY JOE 224** F O'Brien 6-11-12 **T Broughton (3)**
2 -823 **BUXTED REEL F19** T Lacey 7-11-7 ..... **S Sheppard**
3 -137 **MOST WANTED 40** D Bridgwater 8-11-6 ..... **B Powell**
4 5355 **LINDEN LANE 39** C Williams 6-11-4 **Miss E Williams (7)**
5 -96P **PIVOTAL DAYS 36 (P★,T★)** S Hosie 4-11-3. **E Collier (5)**
6 -246 **ASK PETER 39** A Honeyball 7-11-1 ..... **J Robottom (10)**
7 05-4 **ESTATE PLANNING 72** B J Llewellyn & R Williams 5-11-1 **B Jones**
*Buxted Reel ●99, Ask Peter 98, Linden Lane 92.*
13-8 Buxted Reel, 7-2 Most Wanted, 5 Ask Peter, Linden Lane, 6 Estate Planning, 25 Pivotal Days, Run Away Joe

### 6.12 HANDICAP CHASE (2); winner £13,202; 2m. (6 runners)

1 6-44 **BREAKING COVER 39 (CD)** A Honeyball 8-12-0.. **C Bament (5)**
2 -645 **CENTARA 39 (CD)** P Nicholls 8-11-12 ..... **P Hanlon (5)**
3 -212 **OBSESSEDWITHYOU 39 (D)** J Snowden 7-11-10.. **G Sheehan**
4 1111 **GORE POINT 5 (CD)** A Honeyball 6-11-9(7ex). **S Twiston-Davies**
5 -P23 **ICE IN THE VEINS 58** S Davies 6-10-12 ..... **J Best**
6 2-21 **GOWER PRINCE 12 (HD)** J & A O'Neill 8-10-7. **R McLernon**
*Gore Point ●99, Breaking Cover 98, Obsessedwithyou 97.*
11-10 Gore Point, 7-2 Obsessedwithyou, 9-2 Breaking Cover, 8 Gower Prince, 10 Centara, 33 Ice In The Veins

### Sun FORM

**BREAKING COVER** (11-10) 7-2 midfield, no extra, 4th of 5 (3$^3$/$_4$l) to Sir Tivo (11-2) **CENTARA** (11-12) 6-1 in touch, no threat, last 3rl (Stratford 2m 1f hcap ch (2) £13,070 good).
**OBSESSEDWITHYOU** (10-13) 6-5 tracked leader, ridden to chase winner 2 out, kept on, btn 7l by Edelak (11-1) (4 ran) (Stratford 2m nov hdle (3) £8,169 good to firm).
**GORE POINT** (11-10) 13-8 handy, readily, bt Ice Jet (10-13) 5l (4 ran) (Newton Ab 2m hcap ch (3) £7,922 good to firm).
**ICE IN THE VEINS** (10-5) 14-1 led, pushed along and headed before 2 out, no extra, last of 3 (btn 26l) to Captain Cool (10-5) (Stratford 2m 1f hcap ch (3) £7,922 good to firm).
**GOWER PRINCE** (11-7) 12-1 handy, ran on, bt Miss Denver (10-6) 9l (8 ran) (Market R 2m 1f hcap ch (4) £5,149 good).

### 6.42 HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £4,489; 3m 2f 105yds. (7 runners)

1 -314 **FINAL ENTRY 42 (V;CD)** D Pipe 5-12-0 **R Corcoran (5)**
2 4-14 **JACK THE SAVAGE 53 (D)** L Horsfall 9-11-11.. **S Bowen**
3 3-11 **MY GIRL KATIE 5** G Harris 9-11-8 ..... **C Ring**
4 6-76 **TOUCHWOODEXPRESS 57 (V★;CD)** N&W T-Davies 7-11-4. **S T-Davies**
5 7/36 **ALBERT'S BAY 92** J Du Plessis 9-10-13 ..... **J Best**
6 9278 **MAN OH MAN 5 (B)** D Summersby 7-10-10 ..... **B Carver**
7 4347 **BLUE SIAM 4** S Hosie 4-10-5 ..... **E Collier (5)**
*My Girl Katie ●99, Jack The Savage 98, Final Entry 97.*
11-8 My Girl Katie, 10-3 Final Entry, 9-2 Jack The Savage

### 7.12 HANDICAP CHASE (4); winner £5,809; 2m 5f. (5 runners)

1 P-10 **QUICK SHARPENER 57 (D)** J Snowden 9-12-1.. **G Sheehan**
2 111U **LADY KARA 58 (H)** R Newland 5-12-0 ..... **C Hammond**
3 1211 **THICKTHORN TOM 42 (B;CD)** D Skelton 6-11-11.... **H Skelton**
4 P411 **IT'S A BREEZE 39 (H;CD)** P Nicholls 7-11-10 **P Hanlon (5)**
5 -542 **MCGREGORS CHARGE 12 (BF)** P Gundry 8-10-2.. **B Godfrey**
*Lady Kara ●99, It's A Breeze 98, Thickthorn Tom 97.*
13-8 It's A Breeze, 2 Thickthorn Tom, 4 Lady Kara, 7 McGregors Charge

### 7.42 HANDICAP HURDLE (4); winner £5,281; 2m 2f 110yds. (4 runners)

1 -212 **DONNIE AZOFF 46 (CD)** J Snowden 10-12-0.... **I Ryder (5)**
2 111P **BEORMA** 2 D Skelton 7-11-9 ..... non-runner
3 751/ **KING OF THE BRONX F373** S Hosie 5-11-3.... **E Collier (5)**
4 -12P **ELLERTON 45 (T★;BF,C)** J Tizzard 6-11-0..... **B Powell**
*Donnie Azoff ●99, Ellerton 97.*
5-6 Donnie Azoff, 9-4 Ellerton, 11-2 King Of The Bronx

## CARLISLE — GOING: (

### TEMPLEGATE / TOM PEPPER

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| 2.00 ..... Sanafi Zabeel | 2.00 |
| 2.30 ..... Prosperity Angel | 2.30 |
| 3.00 ..... Bincimbal (nb) | 3.00 |
| 3.30 ..... Tip Foster | 3.30 |
| 4.00 ..... Bibendum | 4.00 |
| 4.30 ..... Off Spin | 4.30 |
| 5.00 ..... Lightning Galaxy | 5.00 |

**TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Freedom**
**Bincimbal (double, Carlisle) with Tip**
**TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Kanzi (**
**Lismore (Lingfield).**
**SUNRATINGS' NAP: LAYLATY (2.37 Ff**
**THE JUDGE: TOWN QUEEN (3.30 Carli**

■TIC-TAC: R-H, undulating pear-shaped course of
■DRAW: Low have advantage in races up to a mile, l
■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): T Easterby 29-
18-173, J Goldie 16-118. THIS SEASON: I Jardine 7,
JOCKEYS (2021-2026): S James 17-109, P J McDo
THIS SEASON: A Mullen 5, P J McDonald 5. ■LONGE
trained at Beckhampton. Round trip of 568 miles. ■FIR
Dream (2.00), Cape Sovereign (4.00), Hvar (4.00). ■LI

### 2.00 PAUL KAVANAGH MEMORIAL NOVICE AMATEURS' HANDICAP (5); winner £3,229; 1m 1f. (9 runners)

1 (1) 006-604 **TITIAN 65** J Camacho 8-11-5 ..... **Mr Jack Loughnane (3) 95**
2 (4) 2361275 **UP THE JAZZ 13 (C,D)** R & P Fahey 5-11-4 ..... **Miss Isla Clarkson (3) 97**
3 (6) 1933451 **SANAFI ZABEEL 16 (D)** J Goldie 5-11-4 ..... **Miss Kayleigh Williams ●99**
4 (8) 40508 **PEDRO THE POET 93** N Richards 5-11-3 ..... **Mr Harvey James (3) 84**
5 (7) -444354 **EPIDAVROS 16 (C,D)** K Scott 5-11-2 ..... **Mr Freddie Robson 93**
6 (5) 1228575 **SPIRIT CATCHER 17 (BF,D)** P Kirby 7-10-12 ..... **Mr Daniel Perrin (3) 96**
7 (3) 405-880 **EAGLES DREAM 33** T Davidson 4-10-8 ..... **Mrs Tracy Gundry (3) 87**
8 (2) 7487764 **JEWEL MAKER 3 (CD)** T Easterby 11-10-2 ..... **Miss Rebecca Burley 90**
9 (9) 3955204 **ON THE BUBBLE 23** G Rutherford 5-10-0 ..... **Miss Kayla Ruddy (3) 91**

**BETTING:** 10-11 Sanafi Zabeel, 9-2 Spirit Catcher, 6 Epidavros, 12 Jewel Maker, Up The Jazz, 16 Titian, Pedro The Poet, 20 On The Bubble, 33 Eagles Dream
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.**

### 2.30 NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK 2026 EBF NOVICE STAKES (3); 2-y-o; winner £7,020; 6f. (11 runners)

1 (4) **AUGHAVANNON** S Waugh 9-7 ..... **Amie Waugh (3) —**
2 (11) **BENBECULA** K Ryan 9-7 ..... **Kevin Stott —**
3 (2) **BLAZING INFERNO** E Bethell 9-7 ..... **Daniel Tudhope —**
4 (1) **FIVE YEARS** K R Burke 9-7 ..... **Pierre Jamin —**
5 (3) **MEHMAS STAR** K R Burke 9-7 ..... **Sam James —**
6 (6) 3473 **OR ANOTHER 42 (T★)** K Scott 9-7 ..... **Jason Hart 92**
7 (5) 7 **RASLAN 86 (BF)** R & P Fahey 9-7 ..... **David Nolan 78**
8 (10) 8 **SANKHUM GALAXY 22** B Haslam 9-7 ..... **Oliver Stammers 70**
9 (8) 31 **PROSPERITY ANGEL 20** B Haslam 9-6 ..... **Andrew Mullen ●99**
10 (7) **SARASOTA BLUE BLUE** Sir M Prescott 9-2 ..... **Luke Morris —**
11 (9) 8 **STRIKING FORCE 48** R & P Fahey 9-2 ..... **Barry McHugh 70**

**BETTING:** 3 Mehmas Star, 7-2 Benbecula, 5 Five Years, 7 Blazing Inferno, 8 Prosperity Angel, Sarasota Blue Blue, 10 Raslan, 12 Or Another
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED:** 5 1 1 1 1
**2025: Hardy's Hero 9-7 Cieren Fallon 13-8 Fav (W Haggas) drawn 1, 10 ran.**

### 3.00 COLIN PARKER RACEDAY 1 NOV NURSERY (4) 2-Y-O; winner £5,496; 1m (5 runners)

**1** 423 **TEN CLARETS 35 (BF)**
(1) K R Burke 9-9 ..... **Pierre Jamin 98**
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £5,370
Beaten jolly in decent race at Donny latest, same mark here, big player

**2** 21 **KANZI 19 (D)**
(4) C Johnston 9-9 ..... **Callum Shepherd ●99**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £8,696
Plenty of promise in two starts, stays well, mark not overly harsh, threat

**3** 341 **BINCIMBAL 13**
(5) H Charlton 9-5 ..... **Callum Rodriguez 95**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) £6,922
Didn't have to improve to win hcap debut, bit to prove in better race

**4** 076113 **EMERALD BAY 21 (B★)**
(2) G Scott 8-11 ..... **P J McDonald 96**
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2F) £8,371
Given too much to do last time, blinkers look wise move, in the hunt

**5** 8537 **AURORA VALKYRIE 27**
(3) K Scott 8-4 ..... **Rhys Elliott (5) 82**
Runs: 4 Places: 1 £1,268
Beaten miles in last on handicap bow, needs major improvement

**BETTING:** 6-4 Kanzi, 9-4 Bincimbal, 7-2 Ten Clarets, 6 Emerald Bay, 25 Aurora Valkyrie
**WHERE FAVES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.**

### Sunracing FORM

**TEN CLARETS** (9-4) 11-8 fav led, pushed along 3f out, ridden final furlong, weakened, 3rd of 5 (btn 3$^3$/$_4$l) to Shadow King (9-9) (Doncaster 6f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
**KANZI** (9-2) 8-11 fav made all, pushed along 2f out and forged on, ridden 1f out, stayed on, always enough, bt Ozone Friendly (9-2) 2$^1$/$_2$l (6 ran) (Lingfield 1m fil stks (4) £5,400 AW).
**BINCIMBAL** (9-8) 12-1 handy, headway 2f out, ran on final furlong, led final 110yds, ran on, bt Wise And Wonderful (9-9) nk (5 ran) (Epsom 7f hcap (5) £4,449 good to firm).
**EMERALD BAY** (9-2) 9-2 in touch in rear, ridden 2f out, soon outpaced, kept on final furlong, went third final strides, 3rd of 5 (btn 4$^1$/$_4$l) to Woodhay Wayfarer (9-2) (Newmarket 1m hcap (5) £5,234 good to firm).
**AURORA VALKYRIE** (9-6) 11-4 midfield, ridden over 3f out, never pace to challenge, last of 7 (btn 11l) to Bluestone Lady (9-6) (Musselburgh 7f hcap (6) £4,187 good).

### 3.30 CHRISTMAS RACEDAY 13 DEC HANDICAP (4) 3YO; winner £5,496; 6f (10 runners)

**1** 00-617 **ROGUE ATTRACTION 30 (CD)**
(9) E Bethell 9-9 ..... **Daniel Tudhope 96**
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £16,031
Drops in class after solid G'wood effort, winner here two back, player

**2** 23-187 **INVINCIBLE BOY 33 (D)**
(5) R & P Fahey 9-5 ..... **Barry McHugh 87**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 2 £14,232
Yard creaking into some form, poor in two handicaps so far, unlikely

**3** 100-00 **RIKKI TIKI TAVI 61**
(8) K Ryan 9-5 ..... **Kevin Stott 82**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £28,281
Form fallen off a cliff since maiden win, hard to make case for, watch

**4** 41-045 **HERE FOREVER 52 (D)**
(3) D & N Barron 9-5 ..... **David Nolan 95**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (G) £8,371
Solid in decent handicap last time, less miles on the clock than a few

**5** 380439 **GO VINCE GO 12 (D)**
(1) T Easterby 9-4 ..... **Sean Kirrane 93**
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (2GS,G) Places: 2 £49,351
Mark steadily slipping, might be running back into form, interesting

**6** 31 **TIP FOSTER 83**
(2) D & N Barron 9-3 ..... **Connor Beasley 92**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £5,455
Handicap bow after Thirsk win, form hard to weigh up, market guide

**7** 163707 **ZARVALI 13 (P★)**
(6) R Fell 9-3 ..... **Callum Shepherd 88**
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £9,060
Lost way last three goes, cheekpieces may help, has to bounce back

**8** 2221 **TOWN QUEEN 70 (D)**
(4) K R Burke 9-2 ..... **Sam James ●99**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £14,017
Handicap bow after quiet novice win, mark nothing too steep, shout

**9** 1-0456 **KODY B 43 (D)**
(7) C Lidster 9-0 ..... **P J McDonald 89**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 1 £9,616
Has struggled from similar marks in this company, needs more now

**10** 5-8839 **TRUST AMY 41 (D)**
(10) G Hanmer 8-10 ..... **Andrew Mullen 84**
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 1 £12,708
Best effort came at Chester on soft, patchy profile, others are better

**BETTING:** 6-4 Town Queen, 4 Tip Foster, 6 Rogue Attraction, 15-2 Go Vince Go, 8 Here Forever, 14 Invincible Boy, 16 Zarvali, 25 Kody B
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED:** 4 1 1 3 3
**2025: Top Juggler 8-13, D Swift 10-1 (S Spencer), drw 10, 11 ran.**

### 4.00 LADIES NIGHT 2027 ON SALE — value to the winner £3,402;

1 (12) 0063608 **IMPRESSOR 6 (D)** P Makin 9-9-9 .....
2 (8) 057900- **CAPE SOVEREIGN 315 (T★)** R Menz
3 (2) 0450165 **BIBENDUM 22 (V;D)** J Camacho 5-9-
4 (1) 1-00709 **HVAR 52** J & S Quinn 3-9-7 .....
5 (7) 3747761 **WITHOUT FLAW 23 (D)** T Jackson 5-
6 (3) -052233 **HARRY MOLE 19** Steph Hollinshead
7 (5) -358145 **COTAI STARLIGHT 16** K Scott 3-9-5..
8 (6) 5081894 **OPAL STORM 3 (CD)** B Rothwell 6-9-
9 (13) 7-66726 **NEVER DARK 6 (D)** I Jardine 9-9-4.....
10 (9) 67-2113 **CRAFTY SPIRIT 30 (B;BF,D)** J Wainw
11 (10) U-93194 **SUPREMISSY 6 (D)** I Jardine 3-9-3 .....
12 (14) 2-25497 **KEEP THE GOLD 19** M Dods 4-9-3 .....
13 (11) 3050557 **KYBER CRYSTAL 6 (D)** R Menzies 7-
14 (4) 7756507 **ROYAL DUKE 3 (D)** R Smith 5-8-9 .....

**BETTING:** 4 Without Flaw, 9-2 Crafty Spirit, 13-2 Bibendum, 12 Opal Storm, Never Dark, Royal Duke
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0**
**2025: Chief Of State 4-9-6 C Rodriguez 11-2 (B**

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**SUPREMISSY** (9-3) 22-1 handy, pushed along 1f out, held, 4th of 10 (btn 3$^3$/$_4$l) to Thistle Nil (9-9) **NEVER DARK** (9-2) 12-1 led, ridden 1f out, one pace, 6th (btn 1$^3$/$_4$l) **KYBER CRYSTAL** (8-9) 40-1 close up, pushed along 1f out, faded, 7th (btn 2$^1$/$_2$l) **IMPRESSOR** (9-9) 17-2 mid-division, driven 2f out, tired, 8th (btn 3$^3$/$_4$l) (10 ran) (Hamilton 5f hcap (6) £3,664 good to soft).
**CAPE SOVEREIGN** (9-7) 16-1 chasing leaders, pushed along turning in, hung left and weakened 2f out, last of 11 (btn 14l) to Massimo Blue (9-4) (Southwell 6f hcap (6) £3,245 AW).
**BIBENDUM** (9-4) 10-1 held up in rear, ridden over 1f out, kept on finish, 5th of 9 (5$^1$/$_4$l) to Great (9-9) (Pontefract 5f hcap (5) £4,187 good to firm).
**HVAR** (9-9) 22-1 prominent, outpaced over 1f out, soon weakened, last of 9 (btn 17l) to Lamlash Bay (8-13) (Ripon 6f hcap (6) £3,664 good).
**WITHOUT FLAW** (9-6) 3-1 held up in rear, headway final furlong, led final 110yds, always enough, bt Gwen Tennyson (9-2) 1l (7 ran) (Catterick 5f hcap (6) £4,004 good to firm).
**HARRY MOLE** (9-6) 11-2 chased leaders, kept on same pace final furlong, 3rd of 12 (btn 4l) to South Paraca
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### 4.30 RACING AGAIN WEDNESDAY (DIV 1) (6); winner £3,402;

1 (4) 541-970 **HILL O RUE 52 (C)** K Ryan 4-9-12 .....
2 (3) 5438753 **DR RIO 15** D Carroll 10-9-11.....
3 (2) 9-33557 **TAYLORMADE LAD 38 (CD)** M Dods
4 (6) /72728- **VAMPIRE SLAYER J160** D Bourke 6-
5 (10) 5353326 **OFF SPIN 39** T Easterby 4-9-5.....
6 (9) 8-02122 **HANSTEEN 23 (BF)** J & S Quinn 3-9-3
7 (7) 4441412 **RIDDIKULUS 12 (B)** G Tuer 3-9-0 .....
8 (1) 9883278 **SPEECHMAN 23 (B)** P Kirby 6-8-12 .....
9 (8) 7-04445 **STAR OF MARKINCH 27** G Rutherfo
10 (5) 023-705 **DUE TO SHINE 27** B Ellison 3-8-4.....

**BETTING:** 3 Hansteen, 5 Riddikulus, 8 Dr Rio, 12 Va
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No c**

### 5.00 RACING AGAIN WEDNESDAY (DIV 2) (6); winner £3,402;

1 (9) 6-65403 **IDYLLIC 17 (CD)** W Storey 5-9-12.....
2 (1) 4-68288 **RORY'S GOLD 27** S Waugh 4-9-10 .....
3 (8) 6241334 **ANNANDALE 45 (BF,D)** J Goldie 8-9-
4 (2) 0-99594 **LIGHTNING GALAXY 17** M Dods 4-9-
5 (7) 7038-49 **FARABOVE THE LIMIT 17** P Makin 3-
6 (5) -252524 **HEY HAVANA 8 (BF)** G Harker 3-9-2...
7 (6) 2422732 **FALAISE BLANC 16 (V)** K Scott 4-8-12
8 (3) 0-95499 **ZEBRA STAR 19** R Smith 6-8-12.....
9 (4) 87-0555 **ALCANZOR 12 (B)** T Easterby 3-8-4 ...

**BETTING:** 3 Falaise Blanc, 10-3 Idyllic, 4 Hey Have Galaxy, 14 Rory's Gold, Z

# S, FORM AND TIPS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!

## GOOD

**TOM PEPPER**

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| | Spirit Catcher |
| | Mehmas Star |
| | KANZI (nap) |
| | Rogue Attraction |
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1m 5f with testing uphill finish. high best when the ground is soft. 343, K R Burke 27-114, I Jardine . K R Burke 5, J Goldie 4. ■TOP nald 16-77, C Rodriguez 15-107. EST TRAVELLER: Bincimbal (3.00) ST RUN SINCE WIND OP; Eagles VE ON RACING TV

**E NOW HANDICAP (6); 5f. (14 runners)**

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| | Sam James 90 |
| ies 4-9-8 | non-runner 82 |
| 8 | Ryan Sexton 93 |
| | Jason Hart 83 |
| 9-6 | Joanna Mason 98 |
| 4-9-5 | Dougie Costello 96 |
| | Kevin Stott 93 |
| 4 | Faye McManoman 95 |
| | Alex Jary (3) 88 |
| wright 5-9-3 | Barry McHugh ●99 |
| | Andrew Mullen 91 |
| | Connor Beasley 87 |
| 8-12 | P J McDonald 85 |
| | Rhys Elliott (5) 86 |

2 Supremisy, 7 Harry Mole, 8 , Impressor

**Haslam) drawn 2, 14 ran.**

## FORM

de (9-2) **KEEP THE GOLD** (9-4) eld up, ridden 2f out, kept on 110yds, no danger, 7th (btn 5l) **REMISSY** (9-2) 20-1 midfield, n 2f out, no impression, 9th 6²/₄l) **ROYAL DUKE** (8-4) 12-1 eld, kept on same pace, 11th l) (Ayr 5f hcap (6) £4,187 good). **DARK** (9-5) 9-2 chased leader, n 1f out, kept on final furlong, 3¹/₄l by Tanjen (9-9) **COTAI RLIGHT** (9-6) 9-1 rear, driven outpaced 2f out, headway 1f out, pression, 5th (btn 5²/₄l) (7 ran) ilton 5f hcap (6) £3,664 good). **STORM** (9-9) 9-1 midfield, way 1f out, outpaced final ds, weakened, 4th of 10 (btn to Lady Bouquet (9-0) **ROYAL E** (8-9) 8-1 rear, headway 1f out, ened, 7th (btn 3¹/₄l) (Mussel- 5f hcap (6) £3,664 good). **Y SPIRIT** (9-0) 9-4 fav held up, ed along 1f out, headway final ng, kept on, 3rd of 9 (btn 1³/₄l) tuinthejungle (9-10) **WITHOUT W** (8-13) 18-1 led, ridden and ed 1f out, faded final furlong, 6th 5l) **OPAL STORM** (9-4) 17-2 in , not clear run 2f out, plugged nish, 8th (btn 5³/₄l) (Beverley 5f (5) £4,527 good to firm).

**9TH SEPT HANDICAP 1m 3f. (10 runners)**

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|---|---|
| | Kevin Stott 84 |
| | Zak Wheatley 93 |
| 4-9-10 | Connor Beasley 88 |
| 9-9 | David Nolan 94 |
| | Sean Kirrane 97 |
| | Jason Hart 98 |
| | Oliver Stammers ●99 |
| | Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 85 |
| rd 10-8-12 | Rhys Elliott (5) 93 |
| | Faye McManoman 89 |

ampire Slayer, 14 Taylormade Lad **corresponding race.**

**9TH SEPT HANDICAP 1m 3f. (9 runners)**

| | |
|---|---|
| | Greg Fairley 95 |
| | Amie Waugh (3) 84 |
| 10 | Lauren Young (5) 97 |
| 6 | Connor Beasley 94 |
| 9-3 | Sam James 87 |
| | P J McDonald 97 |
| 3 | Jake Dickson (5) ●99 |
| | Sean Kirrane 88 |
| | Faye McManoman 84 |

ana, 5 Annandale, 15-2 Lightning imit, 100 Alcanzor **corresponding race.**

## AYME

**also considering future ets for top miler Zeus pios, who was only touched off in the Prix ues le Marois 11 days**

**rke said: "He came out e race well and I'm very y with him. We could go he Prix du Moulin next tend, though it might e a little soon. e'll see how the field the ground is shaping ext week and go from ."**

# FFOS LAS

| TEMPLEGATE | | TOM PEPPER | |
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| 2.37 | Wild Terrain | 2.37 | Laylaty |
| 3.07 | Tumishi | 3.07 | Duchess Of Immatin |
| 3.37 | Outer Edge | 3.37 | ... Demetris Mouflon |
| 4.07 | Golden Flame | 4.07 | Lusaka |
| 4.37 | Blue Hercules | 4.37 | Phantom Recon |
| 5.07 | Fast Steps | 5.07 | Grand Pier |

■TIC-TAC: L-H turf course of 1m 4f, 5f & 6f races are run on the straight course. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): R Beckett 15-45, B Millman 13-86, B J Llewellyn & R Williams 11-128, Muir/Grassick 11-66. THIS SEASON: A Wintle 3, C Mason 3. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): R Ryan 19-65, L Edmunds 16-84, K Shoemark 11-57. THIS SEASON: R Ryan 4, K Shoemark 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Downonmainstreet (2.37), Tango Hotel (2.37), War Gaming (3.07), Tumishi (3.07), Duchess Of Immatin (3.07), Native Chief (3.07), Corbie Rock (3.07), Mayflower Rock (3.37), Last Flight (4.07), Merrijig (4.07), Good Onya Mate (4.07), Phantom Recon (4.37), Sahm Naif (5.07) trained at Newmarket. Round trip of 542 miles. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

**GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)**

## 2.37 MORGAN'S ARMY NURSERY (Class 5) 2YO; winner £4,187; 6f (7 runners)

1 43246 **RHODES RUNNER 19**
(6) R Beckett 9-9 ..... **Rossa Ryan 90**
Runs: 5 Places: 1 £9,024
Been found out in handicaps so far, more needed from top weight

2 1000 **WILD TERRAIN 27 (B;D)**
(2) H Palmer 9-9 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 92**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) £6,210
Been handed stiff tasks since debut win, judged better after this, sniff

3 731 **DOWNONMAINSTREET 21**
(7) M Bell 9-8 ..... **David Egan 98**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £7,006
Off the mark in weak Chepstow heat, handicap bow now, big threat

4 45122 **TANGO HOTEL 41 (C)**
(4) G Scott 9-8 ..... **Liam Wright (3) 96**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 1 £10,488
Second in two handicaps, should be right in hunt again, early days at 6f

5 431 **LAYLATY 26 (D)**
(1) H Charlton 9-7 ..... **Lewis Edmunds ●99**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £6,503
Lingfield win been boosted, not stiffest mark for handicap bow, player

6 0785 **MINZAAL TIME 22 (P★)**
(5) R Hughes 9-3 ..... **Finley Marsh 87**
Runs: 4
Yet to show much, handicap bow now, cheekpieces on, market steer

7 136734 **SEED YA LATER 10**
(3) J Channon 9-2 ..... **Kieran Shoemark 91**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £27,005
Behind Laylaty two back, looks more exposed than most, vulnerable

**BETTING:** 7-4 Downonmainstreet, 5-2 Laylaty, 5 Tango Hotel, 10 Wild Terrain, Rhodes Runner, 12 Seed Ya Later, Minzaal Time
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3**
**2025: Born Slippy 9-5, C Hutchinson 10-3 (R Spencer), drw 6, 6 ran.**

## 3.07 SHIRGAR WELSH BUTTER MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 6f. (6 runners)

1 (6) 5 **CHANNEL ISLANDS 47** P Evans 9-7 ..... **Darragh Keenan 78**
2 (3) **CORBIE ROCK** J Chapple-Hyam 9-7 ..... **Rhys Clutterbuck —**
3 (2) 8 **NATIVE CHIEF 22** J Butler 9-7 ..... **David Egan 70**
4 (4) 43 **TUMISHI 33** J Fanshawe 9-7 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 97**
5 (1) 233 **WAR GAMING 24** G Scott 9-7 ..... **Rossa Ryan ●99**
6 (5) **DUCHESS OF IMMATIN** G Boughey 9-2 ..... **Kieran Shoemark —**
**BETTING:** 7-4 Duchess Of Immatin, 5-2 War Gaming, 3 Tumishi, 6 Corbie Rock, 16 Native Chief, 33 Channel Islands
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 3 2 2**
**2025: Art Lover 9-7 Cieren Fallon 9-4 (W Haggas) drawn 11, 10 ran.**

## 3.37 CJCH SOLICITORS CLASSIFIED STAKES (6); value to the winner £3,454; 6f. (9 runners)

1 (8) 3605364 **COAST 22 (B;D)** S Dixon 7-9-9 ..... **Kieran O'Neill 94**
2 (6) -777686 **DIAMONDSINTHESAND 30 (CD)** A Wintle 9-9-9 ..... **Taryn Langley (5) 89**
3 (2) 4087525 **MACARONE 18 (D)** G Harris 5-9-9 ..... **Rossa Ryan 97**
4 (4) 844-545 **OUTER EDGE 42 (D)** C Mason 5-9-9 ..... **Gina Mangan 98**
5 (3) 89-5240 **SUNDIATA KEITA 10** J & R Flint 4-9-9 ..... **Taylor Fisher 93**
6 (7) 8459-52 **DEMETRIS MOUFLON 80** B Millman 3-9-6 ..... **Lewis Edmunds ●99**
7 (9) 840736 **MAYFLOWER ROCK 13** D Cunha 3-9-6 ..... **David Egan 92**
8 (5) 6997 **RIDGER 14 (T★)** O Sangster 3-9-6 ..... **Stevie Donohoe 95**
9 (1) 9934345 **ROGUE REBELLION 18** R Harris 3-9-6 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 89**
**BETTING:** 9-4 Ridger, 7-2 Demetris Mouflon, 4 Sundiata Keita, 5 Outer Edge, 6 Macarone, 8 Mayflower Rock, Diamondsinthesand, 10 Rogue Rebellion, 12 Coast
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1**
**2025: Diamondsinthesand 8-9-4 T Langley Evens Fav (A Wintle) drw 6, 7 ran.**

## 4.07 ROLY POLY EVENTS RACE OF HOPE HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,454; 2m. (9 runners)

1 (6) 5-90204 **GOOD ONYA MATE 13 (P★)** M Bell 4-10-2 ..... **Kieran Shoemark 95**
2 (3) 653-123 **GOLDEN FLAME 35 (CD)** T Faulkner 8-10-2 ..... **Zoe Lewis (7) 98**
3 (1) -582443 **LUSAKA 49 (B;C)** J & R Flint 8-10-2 ..... **Taylor Fisher ●99**
4 (8) 71-6323 **MERRIJIG 41 (B;D)** J Berry 8-10-0 ..... **Gina Mangan 95**
5 (9) 7195732 **SNEAKY BLINDER 9** R Stephens 5-9-8 ..... **Rossa Ryan 96**
6 (4) 1874343 **BEAUNE 9** B J Llewellyn & R Williams 4-9-7 ..... **non-runner 93**
7 (7) 6004233 **SIMIYANN 16 (T★,V;CD)** I Williams 6-9-6 ..... **Ryan Kavanagh (3) 94**
8 (5) 7-77533 **LAST FLIGHT 19** J Horton 3-8-8 ..... **Stevie Donohoe 96**
9 (2) 9698 **MAKE A SPLASH 19 (V★)** T Ward 3-8-2 ..... **Kieran O'Neill 83**
**BETTING:** 11-4 Last Flight, 5 Lusaka, 6 Merrijig, 13-2 Golden Flame, 7 Simiyann, 8 Sneaky Blinder, 10 Good Onya Mate, 50 Make A Splash
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 2**
**2025: Star Of Jupiter 4-9-5 R Clutterbuck 7-1 (M Loughnane) drawn 6, 11 ran.**

## 4.37 BNI ELLI MAIDEN STAKES (GBB/GBBPLUS RACE) (3); value to the winner £6,480; 1m 4f. (6 runners)

1 (1) 842025 **BLUE HERCULES 19** W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-7 ..... **Lewis Edmunds ●99**
2 (4) 57 **PACIFIC STORM 69** D Menuisier 3-9-7 ..... **David Egan 87**
3 (5) 44 **PHANTOM RECON 69** G Scott 3-9-7 ..... **Darragh Keenan 93**
4 (3) 730- **WINDAY J89 (T★)** E Mullins (Ire) 3-9-7 ..... **Rossa Ryan 97**
5 (6) 34 **NESWICK 14** M Tregoning 3-9-2 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 86**
6 (2) **SAAFFYA** E Walker 3-9-2 ..... **Kieran Shoemark —**
**BETTING:** 2 Blue Hercules, 9-4 Winday, 9-2 Phantom Recon, 6 Saaffya, 8 Neswick, 20 Pacific Storm
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.**

## 5.07 MORGAN'S MAGIC APPRENTICE HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,454; 1m 2f. (10 runners)

1 (10) 7-33294 **FAST STEPS 24 (D)** B Millman 8-9-13 ..... **Charlie Tucker (7) 88**
2 (2) 4-64533 **SYMPHONY'S SONG 18** I Williams 4-9-11 ..... **Ryan Kavanagh 96**
3 (3) 1722212 **TAKEITORLEAVEIT 31** J Portman 3-9-9 ..... **Donagh Murphy (5) ●99**
4 (7) 6466343 **REVICH 41 (V)** A Wintle 10-9-9 ..... **Taryn Langley (3) 94**
5 (8) 645-646 **BRAVE LEADER 31 (B★)** T Ward 3-9-7 ..... **Liam Wright 90**
6 (9) -741156 **SAHM NAIF 18 (B;D)** J Horton 3-9-6 ..... **non-runner 89**
7 (4) 754-062 **GRAND PIER 71** W Greatrex 3-9-6 ..... **Harry Vigors (3) 97**
8 (1) 380-7 **TALES OLD AS TIME 50** E Smyth-Osbourne 3-9-5 ..... **Ashley Lewis 86**
9 (5) 3606463 **THE ANTHONY GOVER 16** R Newland 3-9-5 ..... **Charlie Bell (7) 97**
10 (6) 8-74 **HOTEL CALIFORNIA 31** D Menuisier 3-9-4 ..... **Mason Paetel 90**
**BETTING:** 3 Grand Pier, 9-2 Takeitorleaveit, 6 Symphony's Song, 7 Brave Leader, 8 The Anthony Gover, Revich, 10 Hotel California, Fast Steps
**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.**

# RACING RESULTS

### CATTERICK

**2.15: 1 MUGHEER** C Lee (evens fav); **2 Shaniko** (6-4); **3 Scottys Rocket** (11-1). 8 ran. shd; 2¹/₄l. K R Burke. T: £2; £1.10, £1.10, £2.20. Ex: £2.90. Trifecta: £9.80. CF: £2.78. NR: Romidijo.

**2.45: 1 LADY GORMIRE** C Beasley (6-5 fav); **2 Soca Star** (7-2); **3 Moonlight Melody** (4-1). 8 ran. 3l; 1³/₄l. M Dods. T: £2.20; £1.10, £1.10, £1.40. Ex: £5.40. Trifecta: £14.10. CF: £6.24.

**3.15: 1 BATTENBURG BELLE** J Hart (5-2 jtfav); **2 Barmyblade** (7-2); **3 Run This Way** (5-2 jtfav). 5 ran. nk; 4l. R Menzies. T: £3.50; £1.80, £2.30. Ex: £11. Trifecta: £22.30. CF: £11.64. NR: Overbudget.

**3.45: 1 NIFFLER** L Morris (4-11 fav); **2 Mr Withington** (11-1); **3 Fairydale** (10-1). 8 ran. ³/₄l; ³/₄l. Sir M Prescott. T: £1.37; £1.10, £2.40, £1.70. Ex: £6.20. Tricast: £16.83. Trifecta: £31.20. CF: £5.72.

**4.15: 1 NOVAMAY** Rhys Elliott (9-2); **2 Canaria Queen** (9-2); **3 Call Margot** (6-1). 8 ran (Our Absent Friends 10-3 fav). 3l; ³/₄l. M Dods. T: £5.50; £1.90, £1.50, £1.80. Ex: £18. Tricast: £112.59. Trifecta: £76.30. CF: £25.41. NR: Canon's House, Marching Mac.

**4.52: 1 LANARRA** JP Sullivan (7-2); **2 Ridgemaster** (17-2); **3 Without Delay** (5-2 fav). 13 ran. nk; 1l. R M Smith. T: £5.60; £1.90, £2.50, £1.60. Ex: £41. Trifecta: £238.80. CF: £34.68. NR: Rain Cap.

**PLACEPOT:** £15.20 **QUADPOT:** £8.80

### KEMPTON

**6.20: 1 AL WATHBA** W Buick (4-7 fav); **2 Pure Concept** (16-1); **3 Wykehurst Park** (33-1). 8 ran. 1l; 2³/₄l. C Appleby. T: £1.58; £1.02, £3.50, £6.20. Ex: £12. Trifecta: £126.90. CF: £13.79.

**6.51: 1 KAINDY** R Dawson (2-9 fav); **2 Sea Brave** (11-4); **3 Talking Bear** (50-1). 7 ran. 3¹/₄l; 2¹/₄l. R Varian. T: £1.23; £1.02, £1.30. Ex: £1.20. Trifecta: £5.20. CF: £1.28. NR: Coilltedudeisback.

**7.21: 1 AFRAJ** W Buick (11-1); **2 Merry** (7-4 fav); **3 Ghisa** (7-2). 9 ran. nk; nk. J & T Gosden. T: £12.10; £2.90, £1.30, £1.30. Ex: £40.90. Tricast: £84.12. Trifecta: £168.80. CF: £31.03. NR: Musical Angel.

**7.51: 1 GLORYOUS** W Carson (13-2); **2 Aphrodite Spirit** (10-1); **3 Bint Kilfrush** (2-1 fav). 8 ran. shd; shd. J Osborne. T: £7.50; £2, £2.20, £1.40. Ex: £79.40. Tricast: £177.56. Trifecta: £252. CF: £70.19.

**8.21: 1 BINTARYANA** C Fallon (5-1); **2 Kolkata Knight** (12-1); **3 Wezzeer** (11-4). 11 ran (Arry Up 9-4 fav). 1¹/₄l; nk. W Knight. T: £6.30; £2, £3.40, £1.50. Ex: £84.20. Tricast: £203.83. Trifecta: £370.40. CF: £60.65. NR: Manly Fireball.

**8.51: 1 MADJID** L Edmunds (10-3 fav); **2 Cosmo Brown** (13-2); **3 Evening Fades** (13-2). 11 ran. 4¹/₄l; 3¹/₂l. Harry Charlton. T: £4.50; £1.60, £2.50, £2.30. Ex: £31.60. Tricast: £138.62. Trifecta: £229.70. CF: £25.96. NR: Traveling Man.

**PLACEPOT:** £13.40 **QUADPOT:** £10.20

### NEWBURY

**4.10: 1 MOBADIR** K Shoemark (5-2); **2 Primal** (13-8 fav); **3 Magi Melchior** (22-1). 14 ran. 1¹/₄l; 1l. E Walker. T: £3.50; £1.40, £5.10, £1.30. Ex: £9.10. Tricast: £78.01. Trifecta: £90. CF: £6.42. NR: Regal Tiger.

**4.45: 1 CRUSHERMAN** David Egan (11-4 jtfav); **2 Kicking Bear** (14-1); **3 Flick Of An Eye** (15-2). 10 ran (Perfect Strike 11-4 jtfav). ³/₄l; nk. B Meehan. T: £3.75; £1.20, £3.40, £2.40. Ex: £29.50. Trifecta: £212.90. CF: £44.87.

**5.20: 1 SCYTHE** S Osborne (7-1); **2 Kingdom Of Kush** (85-40 fav); **3 Uncle Zello** (40-1). 8 ran. 2¹/₂l; 5¹/₂l. B Meehan. T: £8.20; £2, £1.10, £5.70. Ex: £30.30. Trifecta: £478.60. CF: £22.63. NR: Satum Star.

**5.55: 1 STARBURSTER** S Osborne (5-1); **2 Bidsta** (9-2); **3 Somers Isles** (2-1 fav). 10 ran. hd; 2l. R Spencer. T: £6.10; £1.80, £1.90, £1.40. Ex: £30.30. Trifecta: £77.20. CF: £27.88. NR: Letter To Hermione.

**6.30: 1 ABUNDANT** S M Levey (7-4 fav); **2 Cloud Forest** (11-2); **3 Zatsgood** (6-1). 12 ran. 1³/₄l; hd. T Ward. T: £2.75; £1.30, £2, £2.30. Ex: £9.40. Tricast: £53.81. Trifecta: £80. CF: £12.62. NR: Electric Dreams.

**7.00: 1 LION OF MALI** David Egan (6-4 fav); **2 Cool Molly** (15-2); **3 Bold Shout** (9-4). 6 ran. 2¹/₄l; nk. J Fanshawe. T: £2.50; £1.30, £3.10. Ex: £10.90. Trifecta: £34.30. CF: £13.18.

**7.30: 1 MAGICAL MERLOT** David Egan (4-1); **2 Empirical** (3-1); **3 Edwin Hubble** (7-4 fav). 7 ran. 1¹/₄l; 2¹/₄l. E Dunlop. T: £5; £2.40, £2. Ex: £20.20. Tricast: £27.55. Trifecta: £53.80. CF: £16.47. NR: Fans Favourite, Magnatura.

**JACKPOT:** Not won, pool of £3,821 carried over. **PLACEPOT:** £25.10 **QUADPOT:** £6.70

### WOLVERHAMPTON

**2.00: 1 SIXCOR** T Kiely-Marshall (4-1); **2 Fancy Dancer** (11-2); **3 Sub Thirteen** (5-4 fav). 6 ran. 1¹/₄l; 1¹/₄l. Miss L Perratt. T: £5.10; £1.80, £2.10. Ex: £27.50. Trifecta: £72.20. CF: £24.90. NR: Dusk Damsel.

**2.30: 1 MY MARIA** G Mangan (6-4); **2 Lovely Dark Angel** (5-4 fav); **3 Reddy** (18-1). 11 ran. 1¹/₂l; 3¹/₄l. A Watson. T: £2.50; £1.10, £1.10, £4.90. Ex: £5.40. Trifecta: £26.80. CF: £3.80. NR: Marhaba Ya Tayib.

**3.00: 1 MIRACLEOFTHEANDES** E Greatrex (33-1); **2 Campenaerts** (10-3); **3 Royal Accord** (13-2). 8 ran (Night Mission 5-2 fav). 1¹/₄l; 2¹/₄l. W Greatrex. T: £41.70; £5.50, £1.40, £2.40. Ex: £192.50. Tricast: £831.33. Trifecta: £1430.50. CF: £143.14. NR: Guernsey Angel.

**3.30: 1 BOILERMAKER** D Probert (evens fav); **2 The Craftymaster** (5-1); **3 Kingdom Of Stars** (4-1). 7 ran. 2¹/₄l; 1¹/₄l. Harry Charlton. T: £2; £1.30, £2.20. Ex: £7.20. Trifecta: £21.50. CF: £6.62.

**4.00: 1 LAWMANS BLIS** Liam Wright (14-1); **2 Raise The Stakes** (14-1); **3 Spaceage Love Song** (11-2). 11 ran (Smoker Bellamy 11-4 fav). 3¹/₂l; nk. Jessica Macey. T: £15; £4.10, £2.60, £1.90. Ex: £208.30. Trifecta: £1705. CF: £193.02.

**4.35: 1 SHAMACID** D Probert (5-1); **2 Rogue Officer** (50-1); **3 Book Of Life** (4-1 jtfav). 12 ran (Manton Road 4-1 jtfav). 1¹/₄l; hd. S Woods. T: £6.80; £2.30, £17.90, £1.90. Ex: £335.30. Tricast: £1132.12. Trifecta: £1965.20. CF: £246.91.

**PLACEPOT:** £157.40
**QUADPOT:** £71.10

### BELLEWSTOWN

**3.51: 1 ROCKY'S HOWYA** E Staples (5-1); **2 Rich Belief** (8-1); **3 Allo Al Khawaneej** (14-1). 13 ran (Oh So Charming 4-1 fav). 8l; 1¹/₄l. D Queally. T: €6; €2.30, €2.40, €4.70. Ex: €34.10. Trifecta: €329.10. CF: €46.71. NR: Tassarolo.

**4.25: 1 THESILVERBRIDLE** A Harvey (7-4); **2 Lygon Lad** (13-2); **3 Whats New** (13-8 fav). 14 ran. 3¹/₂l; 4l. J McConnell. T: €2.75; €1.10, €1.90, €1.10. Ex: €18.50. Trifecta: €78.10. CF: €14.89. NR: Rodeo Joe.

**5.00: 1 ARDGILLAN** Joshua Halford (18-1); **2 Steps In The Sand** (5-1); **3 Goin'** (11-4 fav); **4 Cornaroya Rocco** (11-1). 16 ran. 1¹/₄l; nk; 2¹/₄l. M M Lynch. T: €26.30; €4.20, €1.50, €1.40, €1.80. Ex: €211.80. Tricast: €344.14. Trifecta: €865. CF: €113.79. NR: Balinaboola Steel, Magic Hands Noel, Midleton Rare.

**5.35: 1 ELUSIVE OGIE** D King (8-1); **2 Avalo** (15-2); **3 Serienmond** (11-2). 11 ran (Theflyingbee 4-1 fav). 1l; 1¹/₄l. E McCarthy. T: €9; €2.60, €2.90, €2.30. Ex: €68. Tricast: €368.86. Trifecta: €568.40. CF: €70.89. NR: Barrys Spirit, Liam Swagger.

**6.05: 1 DABOYA** D Mullins (9-1); **2 Speisialta** (25-1); **3 Fastnet Crystal** (8-13 fav). 6 ran. 1³/₄l; 12l. R Donohoe. T: €10; €3.60, €8.20. Ex: €90.40. Trifecta: €446.30. CF: €140.73. NR: Celtic Alliance.

**6.38: 1 CRYPTO CRASH** D Mullins (20-1); **2 Lunar Landscape** (9-2); **3 Surviving Murmansk** (18-1). 15 ran (Masego 7-2 fav). 2³/₄l; 1¹/₄l. D Budds. T: €23.20; €6.40, €1.70, €6.50. Ex: €136.20. Tricast: €1735.74. Trifecta: €509.50. CF: €116.51. NR: Owl's Delight, Paymelater, Turlough Abu.

Remainder of meeting abandoned in the interests of safety.

**PLACEPOT:** €2,290.90

## PROBETS

**EYECATCHER: VAMPIRE SLAYER (4.30 Carlisle) was a close second at Musselburgh last time.**

**HORSES FOR COURSES: CENTARA (6.12 Newton Abbot) has won four of five starts over today's course and distance.**

**GOING FOR IT: CARRON (7.00 Southwell) has won all three times he has run on all-weather Standard ground.**

**GAMBLED ON: HEY HAVANA (5.00 Carlisle) was backed into 11-8 before missing the podium here last time out.**

## TEMPLEGATE

RACING'S NO1 TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

**FREEDOM BAY can make a splash (4.22 Lingfield, nap.**

She has been in flying form and followed a win at Bath with close placed efforts at Lingfield and Windsor last time out. She enjoyed stepping up to this trip beside the Thames last time and will be right there again.

**BINCIMBAL** (3.00 Carlisle, nb) has improved with every run and it was no shock to see him get off the mark at Epsom last time.

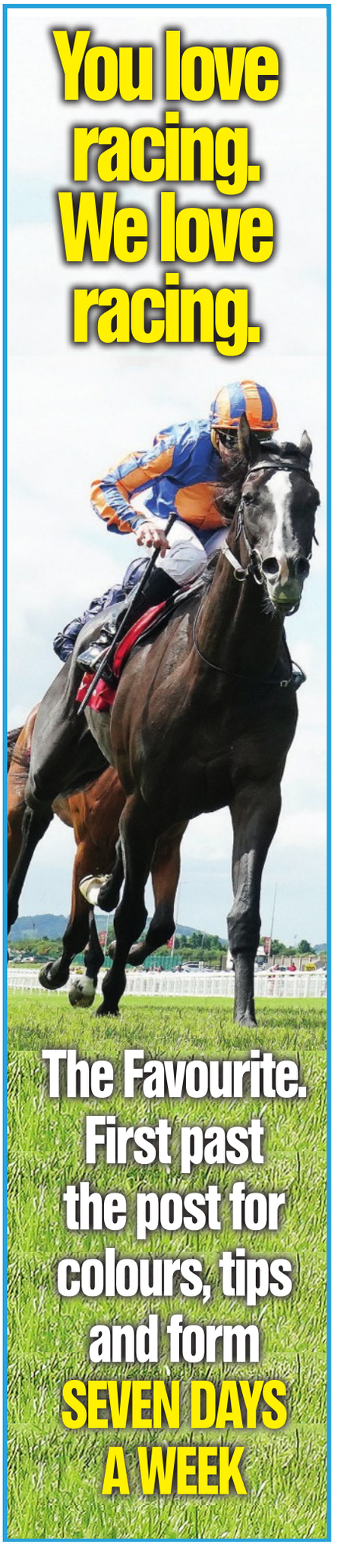
That was his handicap debut and the assessor must be

## Have a pay day with Bay

feeling generous as he's been hiked just 2lb. He can score for in-form Harry Charlton.

**TIP FOSTER** (3.30 Carlisle, treble) caught the eye with a promising debut third at Pontefract before getting his head in front at Thirsk. He's another who could be ahead of his mark on 76 and is back from a little break with a major winning chance.

| ★ TEMPLEGATE NAP | ★ TEMPLEGATE NB | ★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE |
|---|---|---|
| **FREEDOM BAY** | **BINCIMBAL** | **TIP FOSTER** |
| 4.22 Lingfield | 3.00 Carlisle | 3.30 Carlisle |
| Keeps hitting the frame and this looks an excellent winning chance. | Impressive winner at Epsom and should relish this distance. | Good winner last time and has enough pace to drop in trip. |

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## GOING: STANDARD

### 6.00 DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP HANDICAP (DIV 1) (Class 6); winner £3,245; 7f. (10 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (10) | 4387321 | **HERETIC 11 (C)** M Herrington 7-9-10(4ex) | David Probert 98 |
| 2 | (4) | 456-554 | **DUMFRIES 14 (C,D)** R Carr 6-9-9 | James Sullivan 85 |
| 3 | (6) | 0-70890 | **MERESIDE MADNESS 74 (D)** S Dixon 5-9-9 | Christian Howarth (3) 83 |
| 4 | (5) | 6112368 | **CAPTAIN PICKLES 28 (CD)** T Culhane & S Barclay 4-9-8 | Billy Garritty 94 |
| 5 | (7) | 5977849 | **LORD ABAMA 17** M Dods 7-9-8 | Tom Eaves 96 |
| 6 | (9) | 8656047 | **BEAMING LIGHT 28** D Loughnane 6-9-7 | William Pyle 93 |
| 7 | (3) | 35-5923 | **TURBO COMMAND 98 (CD)** A Hamilton 9-9-6 | Cam Hardie ●99 |
| 8 | (1) | 9665960 | **PINK SOCKS 36 (CD)** S Cassidy 7-9-3 | William Carson 74 |
| 9 | (2) | 144-374 | **CABLE BEACH 63 (CD)** T Tate 5-9-1 | Clifford Lee 95 |
| 10 | (8) | 6774585 | **CAPTAIN KINSELLA 27 (C)** J Gallagher 4-9-0 | Robert Havlin 86 |

**BETTING:** 4 Heretic, 5 Cable Beach, 11-2 Dumfries, 15-2 Turbo Command, Captain Pickles, 9 Lord Abama, 12 Beaming Light, 33 Mereside Madness, Captain Kinsella

**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.**

### 6.30 DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6); winner £3,245; 7f. (10 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (9) | 8-48050 | **GIVE ME THE NIGHT 40** M Rimell 4-9-9 | Hector Crouch 90 |
| 2 | (5) | 8825264 | **ADELAIDE BAY 33 (BF,D)** J Chapple-Hyam 4-9-8 | Billy Loughnane 97 |
| 3 | (4) | 1411834 | **SHADES OF MAY 22 (BF,CD)** M Usher 6-9-7 | Rose Dawes (5) 96 |
| 4 | (10) | 05-3255 | **RESPECTABLE JACK 113 (B;BF)** M Crawley 5-9-7 | Warren Fentiman (3) 97 |
| 5 | (7) | 167370- | **AL SUIL EILE 486 (CD)** D Shaw 10-9-7 | George Wood — |
| 6 | (2) | 18-7555 | **FULFORD CROSS 26 (P★;D)** D Simcock 4-9-6 | Silvestre De Sousa 92 |
| 7 | (3) | 0224056 | **KING SHARJA 15 (CD)** R Carr 6-9-5 | James Sullivan ●99 |
| 8 | (6) | 9068535 | **MY MATE BEATTIE 13** S Dixon 4-9-0 | Christian Howarth (3) 85 |
| 9 | (8) | 4240348 | **STARSHOT 103 (D)** L Mullaney 6-9-0 | Alistair Rawlinson 91 |
| 10 | (1) | 066900- | **ROYAL JUSTICE 391** S Dixon 5-9-0 | Mikkel Mortensen (5) 70 |

**BETTING:** 11-4 Adelaide Bay, 7-2 Respectable Jack, 5 King Sharja, Shades Of May, 10 Fulford Cross, 11 Al Suil Eile, Give Me The Night, 14 My Mate Beattie

### 7.00 RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP (4) value to the winner £5,154; 7f (11 runners)

**1** 5-0667 **FOUETTE 89 (CD)**
(3) J Horton 4-10-0 ... **Oisin Orr** 89
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (2A,G) £18,661
Decent efforts last year but form has fallen off cliff, needs bounce back

**2** 361082 **CARRON 78 (D)**
(7) R Carr 4-9-13 ... **James Sullivan** 94
Runs: 15 Wins: 4 (F,3A) Places: 2 £25,970
Went close at Yarmouth latest, stable bow and little leeway in mark, e-w

**3** 03-233 **MASTER RICHARD 68 (CD)**
(2) A Duffield 7-9-12 ... **Shane Gray** 95
Runs: 43 Wins: 6 (2F,3A,G) Places: 9 £102,909
Fine first effort for this stable at Donny latest, C&D winner, in the hunt

**4** 62-130 **PIETRO 83 (D)**
(11) J Fanshawe 4-9-10 ... **Jonny Peate** 93
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (F,A,2G) Places: 6 £66,350
Break since down field in cloying Epsom ground latest, don't write him off

**5** 186727 **CHALK MOUNTAIN 15 (CD)**
(5) Z Hawkins 6-9-9 ... **Hector Crouch** 91
Runs: 40 Wins: 7 (7A) Places: 9 £65,112
Better than finishing position last time, likes it here, taken seriously

**6** 3-4151 **DUBLIN BAY 90 (D)**
(6) O Sangster 3-9-7 ... **Sean D Bowen** 98
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (F,2A,G) Places: 1 £20,207
Easy Wolves win last time, 10lb hike but unexposed at this trip, go well

**7** 221-43 **HAADERR 26 (CD)**
(1) E Bethell 3-9-6 ... **Billy Loughnane** 96
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £10,758
Won maiden here last year, better latest at Donny, Billy up, dangerous

**8** 547119 **KING OF FURY 8 (CD)**
(9) M Dods 6-9-6 ... **Tom Eaves** 94
Runs: 29 Wins: 5 (5A) Places: 8 £41,903
Not so effective at Carlisle last time but 3-3 over C&D, player on that alone

**9** 1-232 **MR NOBLE 33**
(4) K R Burke 3-9-6 ... **Clifford Lee** ●99
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £14,495
Well clear of third in head-bobbing loss York latest, up 4lb but big chance

**10** 057005 **NEW IMAGE 19 (CD)**
(10) M Herrington 6-9-5 ... **David Probert** 85
Runs: 21 Wins: 4 (F,2A,G) Places: 4 £120,637
Good back form but done little of late, revival needed on stable debut

**11** -31258 **KING'S SCHOOL 26 (D)**
(8) G Tutty 5-9-4 ... **Warren Fentiman (3)** 87
Runs: 33 Wins: 4 (4A) Places: 12 £41,157
Not disgraced latest, this his trip but all four wins at Newc, down list

**BETTING:** 3 Mr Noble, 7-2 Dublin Bay, 6 Carron, Master Richard, 7 Haaderr, Pietro, 10 Chalk Mountain, 25 King Of Fury, New Image, Fouette, 33 King's School

**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2-3 6**

**2025: Benacre 5-9-2, J Fanning 14-1 (C Johnston), drw 1, 13 ran.**

### 7.30 FOLLOW ATTHERACES ON INSTAGRAM NOVICE STAKES (3); 2-y-o; winner £6,281; 7f. (10 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | | **ALFA HOODINI** I Furtado 9-7 | Silvestre De Sousa — |
| 2 | (7) | 3 | **EBT'S WARRIOR 18** W Muir & C Grassick 9-7 | Hector Crouch 91 |
| 3 | (4) | | **EL MORJAN** J & T Gosden 9-7 | Robert Havlin — |
| 4 | (10) | 0 | **GROUND FORCE 30** J Owen 9-7 | Christian Howarth (3) 70 |
| 5 | (2) | | **ICY MOON** I Furtado 9-7 | Tom Eaves — |
| 6 | (6) | 35 | **MARKET LEADER 26** K R Burke 9-7 | James Doyle ●99 |
| 7 | (9) | 79 | **NEVERBEATDESWALKER 43** M Walford 9-7 | Jack Garritty 74 |
| 8 | (5) | | **NICAMOO** D Loughnane 9-7 | William Pyle — |
| 9 | (8) | | **NIGHT OF GOLD** G Boughey 9-7 | Billy Loughnane — |
| 10 | (3) | 76 | **SECANO 29** H Charlton 9-7 | Clifford Lee 85 |

**BETTING:** 11-8 Night Of Gold, 2 Market Leader, 10-3 El Morjan, 11 Ebt's Warrior, 25 Alfa Hoodini, Icy Moon, 33 Secano, 50 Nicamoo, Neverbeatdeswalker

**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.**

| TEMPLEGATE | | TOM PEPPER | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6.00 | Heretic | 6.00 | Dumfries |
| 6.30 | Respectable Jack | 6.30 | Adelaide Bay |
| 7.00 | Dublin Bay | 7.00 | Mr Noble |
| 7.30 | Nicamoo | 7.30 | El Morjan |
| 8.00 | Trust Yourself | 8.00 | Lord Ragnar |
| 8.30 | Massimo Blue | 8.30 | Fenlander |
| 9.00 | Currumbin | 9.00 | Lordsbridge Grey |

■TIC-TAC: Round left-handed tapeta all-weather track of 1m 2f. There is a straight 5f course. ■DRAW: No advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): M Herrington 47-338, K R Burke 39-221, S Dixon 38-616, James Owen 37-221. THIS SEASON: M Herrington 11, James Owen 9, K R Burke 8. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): H Crouch 48-207, B Loughnane 40-300, T Eaves 37-378, R Havlin 33-196. THIS SEASON: H Crouch 9, R Havlin 8, Oisin Orr 5. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Turbo Command (6.00) & Chalk Mountain (7.00) trained at Cullompton. Round trip of 432 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

### 8.00 SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 NURSERY (4) 2-Y-O; winner £5,234; 6f (7 runners)

**1** 121240 **FURTURRA 7 (D)**
(3) T Easterby 9-9 ... **Duran Fentiman** 94
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 4 £44,699
Found York's sales race too tough last week, these calmer waters, threat

**2** 126 **PERSIAN LAND 72 (D)**
(4) P Evans 9-7 ... **Pat Cosgrave** 90
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 1 £8,442
Haydock debut win, hasn't kicked on, opening mark high enough, sniff

**3** 33 **NOUR 33**
(6) K R Burke 9-5 ... **Clifford Lee** 95
Runs: 2 Places: 1 £4,291
Going right way, likely stay further but hcap debut off reasonable mark

**4** 52241 **TOO MANY SPIRITS 35 (CD)**
(7) T Coyle & K Wood 9-4 ... **Oisin Orr** 97
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £14,362
Off mark C&D last month, hcapper hasn't gone mad, give good account

**5** 444 **STATTEN ISLAND 34**
(1) K Ryan 9-4 ... **Tom Eaves** 93
Runs: 3 £3,143
Fine debut at York's Dante meeting but below that since, watching brief

**6** 02124 **LORD RAGNAR 21 (BF)**
(2) E Dunlop 9-3 ... **Billy Loughnane** 92
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £11,054
Didn't settle Newm over 1m latest but surprise he drops back to 6f, squeak

**7** 0061 **TRUST YOURSELF 10 (D)**
(5) J Tate 8-10(6lbex) ... **Silvestre De Sousa** ●99
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) £3,978
Left previous form behind latest (AW/hcap) bow, 7lb rise may not stop him

**BETTING:** 9-4 Nour, 10-3 Trust Yourself, 5 Too Many Spirits, 6 Furturra, 7 Lord Ragnar, 10 Statten Island, 11 Persian Land

**WHERE FAVES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.**

### 8.30 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £3,917; 6f. (11 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (10) | 35-0166 | **AZURE ZAIN 38 (D)** R & P Fahey 4-10-0 | Warren Fentiman (3) 89 |
| 2 | (9) | 00-0000 | **BERGERAC 16 (C,D)** K Ryan 8-9-13 | Tom Eaves 74 |
| 3 | (1) | 9357812 | **MIRACULOUS 6 (CD)** T Easterby 4-9-13 | Duran Fentiman 96 |
| 4 | (6) | 3611135 | **FENLANDER 20 (D)** P Sly 5-9-12 | Christian Howarth (3) 95 |
| 5 | (11) | 5657834 | **JENEVER 16 (V;CD)** J Macey 7-9-11 | George Wood 93 |
| 6 | (8) | 3-32318 | **FLASH RASCAL 12 (D)** D Loughnane 3-9-9 | Silvestre De Sousa 94 |
| 7 | (7) | /277285 | **BRAZEN IDOL 45 (D)** J Ryan 7-9-8 | Pat Cosgrave 97 |
| 8 | (5) | -718873 | **ESCAPE PLAN 9 (D)** T Ward 3-9-4 | David Probert 87 |
| 9 | (4) | 9-55331 | **MASSIMO BLUE 11 (CD)** D Cunha 4-9-4 | Billy Loughnane ●99 |
| 10 | (2) | 3426772 | **DAYTONA LADY 10 (CD)** R Carr 6-9-2 | James Sullivan 92 |
| 11 | (3) | 254023/ | **CRYPTO QUEST 700 (D)** S Dixon 7-8-9 | Cam Hardie — |

**BETTING:** 3 Massimo Blue, 9-2 Miraculous, 6 Fenlander, 7 Azure Zain, Jenever, 8 Flash Rascal, Daytona Lady, 10 Escape Plan

**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 8 6**

**2025: Aberama Gold 8-10-1 D Tudhope 11-1 (D O'Meara) drawn 12, 14 ran.**

### 9.00 FREE TIPS DAILY ON ATTHERACES.COM HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,195; 1m 6f. (5 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (2) | 63-7753 | **LORDSBRIDGE GREY 49 (B★)** S Woods 4-10-2 | Silvestre De Sousa 97 |
| 2 | (5) | 63-0462 | **CURRUMBIN 13 (H;CD)** M Keady 5-9-13 | Clifford Lee 95 |
| 3 | (4) | 8073106 | **NANNY PARK 19** S Ender 4-9-12 | Jonny Peate 87 |
| 4 | (3) | 6-27251 | **CAPTAIN CAIRNEY 29** W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-4 | David Probert 98 |
| 5 | (1) | -224194 | **WORLINGTON 28** G Boughey 3-9-3 | Billy Loughnane ●99 |

**BETTING:** 11-8 Captain Cairney, 2 Worlington, 10-3 Currumbin, 4 Lordsbridge Grey

**WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 6**

**2025: Double Meaning 3-9-0 Marco Ghiani 3-1 (J Berry) drawn 5, 12 ran.**

## DOG TIPS AND RETURNS

**SELECTIONS**

■KINSLEY: 11.14 Not Wired Up (1-2-4) 11.30 Knotmor Signet (2-1-3) 11.46 Kilara Theo (nap) (1-2-3) 12.03 Crystal Jess (3-5-1) 12.20 Ferndale Gin (nb) (6-4-5) 12.37 Ardsallagh Lady (4-6-5) 12.53 Knotmor Ace (5-4-3) 1.11 Golan Zoe (1-3-5) 1.26 Private Bucks (1-2-3) 1.41 Listen Nelly (2-6-5) 1.58 Fleetwood Robbie (6-1-2) 2.14 Crossfield Nora (4-3-6)

■DUNSTALL PARK: 2.29 Mayahs Ace (3-1-2) 2.48 Burrows Shadow (1-3-5) 3.07 Mossend Jack (6-2-1) 3.26 Ballymac Arbac (6-2-3) 3.44 Limekiln Pam (nap) (1-2-4) 4.03 Kiltealy (1-3-6) 4.22 Brosna Height (nb) (1-4-3) 4.41 Last Dance Hoffa (3-1-4) 4.59 Shuffle The Deck (6-1-2) 5.18 Millbank Got It (6-3-4) 5.37 Dixie Again (1-4-2) 5.56 Small Parcel (4-1-2)

**RETURNS**

■TOWCESTER: 11.14 Orcas Icon 2-1jt (1-2-5 BAGS F £14.34 TC £60.47). 11.30 Denanval 9-4jt (3-2-1 £10.32). 11.46 Salacres Berezia 8-1 (2-4-1 £29.37). 12.03 Glenvale Jake 15-8f (4-2-3 £6.78 TC £21.03). 12.20 Donishall Jet 7-1 (1-4-2 £23.99). 12.37 Pomba Gladys 7-4f (4-2-6 £26.50 TC £60.55). 12.53 Wraysbury Band 7-4f (1-5-6 £10.73 TC £39.93). 1.11 Unknown Allie 9-4 (4-2-3 £33.37 TC £62.71). 1.26 Ardera Lass 6-4f (1-3-4 £9.53 TC £29.40). 1.41 Freyas Lula 9-4 (2-3-1 £6.48 TC £14.16). 1.58 Darraghs Dream 13-8f (2-4-1 £8.77 TC £15.33). 2.14 Salacres Logan 8-1 (1-6-2 £49.10 TC £146.40).

■MONMORE: 11.03 Tommys Magical 7-4f (1-2-4 BAGS F £6.58). 11.19 Tickets Bang 7-2 (2-6-5 £12.42). 11.36 Deelish Lola 4-1 (3-4-6 £21.00). 11.52 Alien Brat 11-4 (1-6-2 £8.85 TC £16.93). 12.09 Drive On Shelby 6-4f (3-1-4 £17.49). 12.26 Butterbean 7-4f (DH 2nd 5-3-6 £2.94, 5-6-3 £6.54). 12.42 Florican Gem 7-2 (1-6-3 £11.09). 12.59 Fourpenny Jack 13-8 (1-6-4 £9.04). 1.16 Aero Imagine Evensf (2-6-5 £4.80). 1.31 Ballymac Prada 5-2 (6-1-3 £9.04 TC £26.61). 1.46 Fourpenny Jill 10-11f (1-3-5 £2.14). 2.04 Yama Witch 6-5f (3-2-1 £7.86).

# NAVAN

## GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

| EAMONN HAMES | |
|---|---|
| 1.44 | Supreme Lord |
| 2.14 | Cool Azul |
| 2.44 | Better Yet |
| 3.14 | Jezzie Bea |
| 3.44 | BUNDLE OF INTEREST (nap) |
| 4.15 | Loingseoir (nb) |
| 4.49 | Blissful Bonita |
| 5.24 | Without Love |

| TOM PEPPER | |
|---|---|
| 1.44 | Someday Somewhere |
| 2.14 | Amiata |
| 2.44 | Southern Boulevard |
| 3.14 | Leadlight |
| 3.44 | Minaun View |
| 4.15 | Mythical Rock |
| 4.49 | Essential Comedy |
| 5.24 | Eastern Wind |

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed undulating, galloping track of 1m 4f. There is a 3f run-in with a stiff uphill finish. ■DRAW: Low numbers Best. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): J Harrington 22-163, J P O'Brien 15-148. THIS SEASON: J P O'Brien 3, P Magee 3. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): W J Lee 28-177, C T Keane 21-205. THIS SEASON: B M Coen 4, G F Carroll 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Phidias Ovation (5.24). Round trip of 254 miles. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

### 1.44 NURSERY HANDICAP; 2-y-o; winner €9,000; 6f. (8 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (5) | 355 | **SUPREME LORD 18** R Aguiar 9-12 | D McMonagle |
| 2 | (8) | 7741 | **HOWLIN WOLF 11 (D)** J Davison 9-6 | J Ryan |
| 3 | (6) | 344 | **SOMEDAY SOMEWHERE 9 (BF)** S Thorne 9-6 | J Kearney (3) |
| 4 | (2) | 967 | **PRINCE OF PEPPARD 9** J Murtagh 9-2 | B Coen |
| 5 | (4) | 8568 | **TWO BRIGADE 22** M O'Callaghan 9-1 | C Keane |
| 6 | (3) | 7680 | **LUCY'S PROMISE 7** A McGuinness 8-13 | A Caffrey |
| 7 | (7) | 6000 | **NO TIME FAULTS 22 (B★)** K Coleman 8-7 | R Cleary |
| 8 | (1) | 590 | **LITTLE DIVA 11 (H)** T McCourt 8-7 | W Joyce (3) |

*Howlin Wolf ●99, Supreme Lord 98, Lucy's Promise 97.*

15-8 Howlin Wolf, 4 Someday Somewhere, 9-2 Supreme Lord

### 2.14 HANDICAP; winner €12,000; 6f. (14 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (14) | 1418 | **AMIATA 24 (C,D)** G Lyons 3-10-0 | C Keane |
| 2 | (9) | 0315 | **ALFRED TENNYSON 15 (B)** D Hogan 4-9-12 | S Coen (5) |
| 3 | (8) | 6450 | **BACK DOWN UNDER 40 (D)** P Roche 5-9-9 | R Holohan (7) |
| 4 | (2) | 3712 | **COOL AZUL 9 (CD)** A Oliver 3-9-8 | W Lee |
| 5 | (10) | 619- | **BY THE LAKE 321 (H★)** D McCormack 3-9-7 | D McMonagle |
| 6 | (11) | 1129 | **GOTTA CATCH'EM ALL 5 (B;CD)** H Rogers 6-9-6 | S Rutledge |
| 7 | (4) | 7671 | **JON RIGGENS 81 (CD)** E Lynam 8-9-6 | B Coen |
| 8 | (12) | 9184 | **SOVEREIGN CRY 18 (P★)** D Murphy 3-9-6 | T Casey (7) |
| 9 | (6) | 1000 | **SPORTING HERO 7 (B;C,D)** W Durkan 6-9-6 | J Orr (7) |
| 10 | (3) | 2030 | **SMOKE THEM OUT 24 (D)** T McCourt 4-9-5 | S Tormey (7) |
| 11 | (13) | -469 | **TORNADO KISS 85** A Slattery 3-9-5 | A Slattery |
| 12 | (7) | 6714 | **MARY SHOELACES 11** E & P Harty 5-9-3 | J O'Gorman (7) |
| 13 | (1) | 6382 | **ALL THE GIRLS 12** T McCourt 3-9-0 | J Ryan |
| 14 | (5) | 5487 | **FLAMING RIB 24 (V;D)** A McGuinness 7-9-0 | A Caffrey |

*Jon Riggens ●99, Cool Azul 98, Mary Shoelaces 97.*

9-2 Jon Riggens, 11-2 Cool Azul, 13-2 Gotta Catch'em All, 8 Mary Shoelaces, 10 Sovereign Cry, 11 Tornado Kiss, Alfred Tennyson

## Sun FORM

**GOTTA CATCH'EM ALL** (9-4) 10-3 fav led, ridden 1f out, headed closing stages, btn ½l by Red Evolution (10-0) **FLAMING RIB** (9-2) 25-1 towards rear, kept on one pace, never a factor, 7th (btn 8l) **AMIATA** (10-0) 7-1 towards rear, no threat from over 1f out, 8th (btn 10l) **SMOKE THEM OUT** (9-0) 18-1 rear of mid-division, no extra from over 1f out, last (btn 12l) (11 ran) (Naas 6f hcap €12,000 good).

**ALFRED TENNYSON** (10-0) 13-2 chased leaders, ridden 2f out, no extra over 1½f out, 5th of 7 (btn 9½l) to Lohoobb (9-0) (Gowran Park 7f hcap €15,000 good to firm).

**BACK DOWN UNDER** (8-7) 20-1 mid-division, ridden 1f out, no extra, 12th of 20 (btn 7¼l) to Sondad (9-10) **ALFRED TENNYSON** (8-7) 66-1 handy, ridden 2f out, weakened, 16th (btn 12l) (Curragh 6f hcap €60,000 good to firm).

**COOL AZUL** (9-6) 11-2 rear of mid-division, led briefly 200 yards out, headed close home, btn 1½l by Sagasti (9-0) (14 ran) (Roscommon 7f hcap €9,600 good to yielding).

**TORNADO KISS** (9-0) 33-1 tracked leaders, ridden over 1f out, kept on, 5th of 12 (btn 4¾l) to Ipanema Queen (9-3) **BY THE LAKE** (9-0) 14-1 towards rear, never a factor, 9th (btn 5½l) (12 ran) (Dundalk 5f Listed (1) €28,500 AW).

**GOTTA CATCH'EM ALL** (8-7) 11-2 tracked leader, ridden 2½f out, no extra 1½f out, 9th of 10 (btn 9¼l) to Bear On The Run (8-13) (Curragh 6f hcap €21,000 good).

**JON RIGGENS** (9-6) 7-2 rear of mid-division, led narrowly final furlong, stayed on well, all out, bt **ALFRED TENNYSON** (9-10) 16-1 led, narrowly headed final furlong, kept on well to line, sh hd (9 ran) (Navan 6f hcap €12,000 good).

**SOVEREIGN CRY** (9-8) 8-1 towards rear, kept on well inside final furlong, nearest at finish, 4th of 14 (btn 1l) to Mint Man (9-0) (Curragh 6f hcap €15,000 good to firm).

**SPORTING HERO** (9-12) 50-1 towards rear, ridden and no impression 2f out, 11th of 14 (btn 9l) to Naoi (9-5) (Leopardstown 7f hcap €9,000 good to yielding).

**AMIATA** (9-0) 7-1 rear of mid-division, headway final furlong, led close home, bt Real Encounter (8-8) nk **SOVEREIGN CRY** (8-3) 18-1 prominent, every chance 1f out, no extra close home, 6th (btn 2¼l) **COOL AZUL** (8-9) 11-1 in touch, lost place 1½f out, 7th (btn 3¼l) **TORNADO KISS** (8-12) 8-1 tracked leader, under pressure 1f out, weakened, 9th (btn 6l) (12 ran) (Curragh 5f hcap €30,000 good to yielding).

**MARY SHOELACES** (9-9) 5-1 led, headed 100 yards out, no extra, 4th of 11 (btn 1¾l) to Harry's Hill (9-8) (Curragh 5f hcap €10,800 good).

**ALL THE GIRLS** (8-4) 25-1 mid-division, ridden in 6th and no impression 1f out, kept on one pace, 2nd close home, no chance with winner, btn 1¾l by Dark Ace (9-5) (12 ran) (Dundalk 6f hcap €15,000 AW).

### 2.44 MAIDEN STAKES; 2-y-o; winner €13,200; 5f. (9 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (6) | 8266 | **ABLETAI 39** M Grassick 9-7 | W Lee |
| 2 | (3) | 84 | **ALWAYS MAGIC 13 (H★)** J Davison 9-7 | J Ryan |
| 3 | (7) | 44 | **ATLANTIC BRIDGE 18** R Aguiar 9-7 | D McMonagle |
| 4 | (4) | 3 | **BETTER YET 13** J Harrington 9-2 | S Foley |
| 5 | (2) | | **JUNGLE TINA** J Fahey 9-2 | R Whelan |
| 6 | (9) | 00 | **RATHBRAN LADY 12** M Mulvany 9-2 | W Joyce (3) |
| 7 | (8) | | **ROLLIN'ONARIVER** D Hogan 9-2 | C Hayes |
| 8 | (5) | 532 | **SOUTHERN BOULEVARD 13 (BF)** G Lyons 9-2 | C Keane |
| 9 | (1) | 0 | **SYRAH 13** C Weld 9-2 | P McGettigan (5) |

*Atlantic Bridge ●99, Better Yet 98, Southern Boulevard 97.*

5-2 Southern Boulevard, 7-2 Atlantic Bridge, 4 Better Yet

### 3.14 OPTIONAL CLAIMING MAIDEN STAKES; 2-y-o; winner €10,800; 1m. (7 run)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (6) | 54 | **EQUUS VICTOR 12** D Murphy 9-7 | B Coen |
| 2 | (2) | 44 | **JEZZIE BEA 42** J Harrington 9-7 | S Foley |
| 3 | (1) | 46 | **LEADLIGHT 26 (P★)** J O'Brien 9-7 | D McMonagle |
| 4 | (5) | 498 | **THIS THAT 11** G Lyons 9-7 | C Keane |
| 5 | (7) | 00 | **SUMMER SENT YOU 7** K Condon 9-1 | R Whelan |
| 6 | (4) | | **FERRONNIERE** D Hogan 8-12 | C Hayes |
| 7 | (3) | 0 | **MICKIAN THOMAS 11** R Devine 8-9 | L McAteer |

*This That ●99, Leadlight 92, Jezzie Bea 88.*

10-11 Leadlight, 10-3 This That, 4 Jezzie Bea, 5 Equus Victor

### 3.44 HANDICAP; winner €7,200; 1m. (14 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (2) | P-05 | **BILL SILVERS 15 (V)** W Durkan 6-10-0 | J Orr (7) |
| 2 | (5) | -077 | **BUNDLE OF INTEREST 11 (V;C)** W McCreery 4-10-0 | S Coen (5) |
| 3 | (10) | 1271 | **MINAUN VIEW 15 (D)** A McGuinness 4-9-12 | P McGettigan (5) |
| 4 | (14) | 8926 | **IN A HURRY 57** K Clarke 4-9-11 | R Cleary |
| 5 | (3) | 8520 | **GLORIOUSLY GLAM 26 (CD)** C O'Connell 4-9-9 | D McMonagle |
| 6 | (13) | 2068 | **TOFINO 11 (D)** G Cromwell 4-9-8 | G Carroll |
| 7 | (11) | 6903 | **GO OUT 43** D Murphy 4-9-7 | T Casey (7) |
| 8 | (6) | 0978 | **GOOD MAN JACK 27** P Magee 3-9-6 | R Whearty |
| 9 | (7) | 5-00 | **MARAMBO 11** C Timmons 4-9-4 | J Ryan |
| 10 | (1) | 2428 | **KC BEAR 46** N Meade 3-9-3 | C Keane |
| 11 | (4) | 9259 | **ALTO SAX 11 (B;D)** P Fahey 5-8-10 | R Holohan (7) |
| 12 | (8) | -090 | **CORDOUAN 42 (V;D)** P Sweeney 8-8-7 | G Ryan |
| 13 | (9) | 5165 | **NEPHIN MOUNTAIN 15** M Mulvany 3-8-7 | W Joyce (3) |
| 14 | (12) | 0087 | **LOHENGRIN 2** E Delany 6-8-7 | S Rutledge |

*Minaun View ●99, Kc Bear 98, Tofino 97.*

9-2 Minaun View, 5 Go Out, 6 Tofino, In A Hurry, Bill Silvers, Bundle Of Interest, 8 Kc Bear, Alto Sax

### 4.15 HANDICAP; winner €7,200; 1m. (14 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (4) | 4643 | **LOINGSEOIR 30 (D)** M Grassick 10-10-0 | J Cleary (5) |
| 2 | (9) | 5641 | **COMFORT LINE 11 (V;CD)** A McGuinness 9-9-10 | A Caffrey |
| 3 | (3) | 2022 | **MYTHICAL ROCK 15 (V)** C Byrnes 5-9-10 | S Davis |
| 4 | (2) | 8-06 | **TRUMPH 13** J Harrington 3-9-9 | S Foley |
| 5 | (10) | 4-73 | **SHEREKIYA 11** D Weld 3-9-8 | C Hayes |
| 6 | (8) | 5382 | **AVEC GRAND PLAISIR 11** J Fahey 3-9-4 | R Whelan |
| 7 | (13) | 2755 | **COSMIC FUNK 27** P Murphy 3-9-2 | B Coen |
| 8 | (14) | 860- | **SHEAMUS SEIMHIU 304** C Timmons 4-9-2 | G Carroll |
| 9 | (5) | 0230 | **ELLA'S GOLD 11** M Smith 3-9-1 | R Colgan |
| 10 | (7) | 0570 | **THINK ABOUT IT 22** T McGettigan 4-8-11 | L McAteer |
| 11 | (6) | 0880 | **KINGCHARLES 20** K Coleman 3-8-10 | J Pietropaolo (7) |
| 12 | (12) | 0980 | **THE HOLY APOSTLE 21 (B)** B Duke 3-8-7 | R Cleary |
| 13 | (1) | 2966 | **BORORA AURA 13** M Mulvany 3-8-7 | W Joyce (3) |
| 14 | (11) | 3003 | **HALE BOPP 2 (D)** P Sweeney 8-8-7 | G Ryan |

*Avec Grand Plaisir ●99, Sherekiya 98, Loingseoir 97.*

4 Comfort Line, 9-2 Avec Grand Plaisir, Sherekiya, 5 Loingseoir, Mythical Rock, 11 Trumph, 14 Ella's Gold, 16 Borora Aura

### 4.49 HANDICAP; 3-y-o; winner €9,000; 1m 6f. (18 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (4) | 653 | **ESSENTIAL COMEDY 12** C O'Connell 10-0 | J Kearney (3) |
| 2 | (5) | 8800 | **PARISH TEAM 4 (P★)** J Bolger 10-0 | G Hill (7) |
| 3 | (6) | -653 | **SUNRUSH 12** A Slattery 10-0 | S Coen (5) |
| 4 | (12) | 7514 | **CHICAGO MOON 6 (B★)** H Bromhead 9-10 | W Lee |
| 5 | (18) | 7524 | **BLISSFUL BONITA 27** G Cromwell 9-9 | G Carroll |
| 6 | (9) | 6402 | **LOVE ORCHID 12 (B)** N Meade 9-9 | C Keane |
| 7 | (10) | 060 | **STRIKE DE VEGA 12** A Oliver 9-7 | C Hayes |
| 8 | (7) | 7870 | **WERIFESTERIA 21** J Harrington 9-7 | S Foley |
| 9 | (13) | 4092 | **CASCADE CANYON 22** K Coleman 9-4 | D McMonagle |
| 10 | (17) | 8247 | **CONNECTEO 54** A Oliver 9-3 | B Coen |
| 11 | (3) | 9446 | **MARE CRISIUM 12** K Condon 9-3 | R Whelan |
| 12 | (8) | 9223 | **MILLHONE 4 (BF)** C Weld 9-3 | R Mulligan (5) |
| 13 | (15) | 998 | **SOIGNE 45** G Cromwell 9-3 | R Whearty |
| 14 | (16) | 5443 | **CHAPEL ISLAND 15** A Oliver 9-2 | W Joyce (3) |
| 15 | (11) | 0060 | **CHLOE'S BOY 26 (P★)** H Rogers 9-2 | S Rutledge |
| 16 | (1) | 006 | **STABANNON 38** D Kinsella 8-12 | R Colgan |
| 17 | (2) | 9926 | **CAMECLOSE 15 (B)** J Davison 8-9 | R Holohan (7) |
| 18 | (14) | 0-00 | **NANDO LILY 64** P Roche 8-7 | L Roche |

*Chapel Island ●99, Chicago Moon 97, Essential Comedy 95.*

4 Chicago Moon, 5 Millhone, 13-2 Chapel Island, 11 Sunrush, Cascade Canyon, 12 Essential Comedy, Cameclose, Love Orchid

### 5.24 HANDICAP; winner €6,000; 1m 6f. (23 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (6) | -207 | **MAKAIAH 21 (C)** G O'Leary 5-10-2 | S Foley |
| 2 | (2) | 2437 | **MISS CRINSHAWN 38** P Fahey 4-10-2 | B Coen |
| 3 | (9) | 0856 | **MISS AUSTRALIE 12** A McGuinness 5-10-1 | S Coen (5) |
| 4 | (20) | -904 | **STEPDANCE 12 (BF)** H Bromhead 6-10-1 | A Grant (7) |
| 5 | (17) | 0285 | **CALA GRACIONETA 51** M Smith 4-10-0 | R Colgan |
| 6 | (1) | 0490 | **KEVIN THE GREAT 43** G Cromwell 4-10-0 | G Carroll |
| 7 | (13) | 80-3 | **MS MESSI 20** P Flynn 5-9-13 | C Keane |
| 8 | (14) | 9044 | **DESERT FRIEND J31 (D)** P Murphy 10-9-11 | C Hayes |
| 9 | (15) | 2862 | **EASTERN WIND J1** T McCourt 7-9-11 | S Tormey (7) |
| 10 | (10) | 8300 | **JAZZ FOREVER 47** P Flynn 6-9-11 | W Lee |
| 11 | (21) | -081 | **ANIGHTAWAY 22** S Davis 5-9-10 | J Dalton (7) |
| 12 | (22) | 20-0 | **ARCLAND J26 (B;C)** G Cromwell 10-9-10 | R Whearty |
| 13 | (25) | -050 | **EASTERN BLUE BIRD 22** P Fahy 5-9-9 | K Kennedy (5) |
| 14 | (23) | /0-0 | **MACINAMILLION 15** R Hurley 6-9-9 | M Sheridan (7) |
| 15 | (16) | 2115 | **DELUCA CHOP 22 (V;C)** S Duffy 7-9-7 | P Harnett (3) |
| 16 | (3) | 6583 | **MAXWELL SMART 22** T McCourt 5-9-7 | J Ryan |
| 17 | (19) | 0226 | **WITHOUT LOVE 22 (V;BF)** C Hughes 4-9-7 | D McMonagle |
| 18 | (11) | 5530 | **MYSTIC ROSE 22** P Magee 4-9-6 | R Holohan (7) |
| 19 | (26) | 0058 | **PIATRA NEAMT 22** S Duffy 5-9-0 | N Crosse |
| 20 | (5) | 5475 | **FOLK WARRIOR J14 (BF)** J Nash 4-8-13 | D McDonogh |
| 21 | (18) | 5200 | **HIGHWAY SIXTY ONE 12** L Young 4-8-13 | J Huggan (10) |
| 22 | (12) | 0079 | **MINERS CABIN 30 (P★)** K Coleman 4-8-12 | L Roche |
| 23 | (7) | 09-5 | **SHARE THE TREASURE 116 (CD)** T Hogan 5-8-10 | J Cleary (5) |
| 24 | (8) | 0700 | **PHIDIAS OVATION 9 (H)** P O'Donnell 4-9-7 | RESERVE |
| 25 | (24) | -728 | **LARIAT 12 (D)** L Cusack 10-8-10 | RESERVE |
| 26 | (4) | -789 | **PLUS OR MINUS 22 (B★)** P Fahy 4-8-10 | RESERVE |

*Anightaway ●99, Ms Messi 98, Without Love 97.*

6 Arcland, 13-2 Anightaway, 7 Without Love, 10 Ms Messi, Maxwell Smart, 14 Cala Gracioneta, Stepdance, Miss Crinshawn

**LONG SHOT OF THE DAY**

JENEVER (8.30 Southwell) gets his favoured visor back and ran a decent race when fourth at Carlisle latest.